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Bank BeVEB OJSC

Consolidated financial statements

*Year ended 31 December 2020
together with independent auditor's report*

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Independent auditor's report on the consolidated financial statements of Belvnesheconombank Open Joint Stock Company for the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

To the Chairman of the Management Board of
Belvnesheconombank Open Joint Stock Company
Mr. V.S. Matsiusheuski

To the Shareholders, Supervisory Board, Audit Committee and Management Board of
Belvnesheconombank Open Joint Stock Company

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Belvnesheconombank Open Joint Stock Company and its subsidiaries (hereinafter, the "Bank" or "Bank BelVEB OJSC"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Bank as at 31 December 2020, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Belarus *On Auditing Activity*, National Rules for Auditing Activities effective in the Republic of Belarus and International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under those rules and standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including international independence standards) (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in the Republic of Belarus, 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.

Key audit matters

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

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report, including in relation to this matter. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matter below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
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Allowance for expected credit losses on loans to customers in accordance with IFRS 9

The estimation of the allowance for expected credit losses on loans to customers is a key area of judgment for the Bank's management.

Identification of factors of a significant increase in credit risk, including identification of the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument, identification of default (impairment stages) and estimation of its probability, the level of recovery and macroeconomic forecast ratio require the significant use of professional judgment and assumptions.

The use of various models and assumptions in the calculation of expected credit losses can significantly affect the amount of the allowance for expected credit losses on loans to customers. Due to substantial amounts of loans to customers and an extensive use of professional judgment, the estimation of the allowance for expected credit losses is a key audit matter.

The information on the allowance for expected credit losses on loans to customers and the Bank's management approach to assessing and managing credit risk are described in Notes 3, 9 and 28 to the consolidated financial statements.

Our audit procedures included the analysis of the methodology for assessing the allowance for expected credit losses on loans to individuals and legal entities, testing of controls over the customer lending process, including testing of controls over the accounting for overdue debt and procedures to identify factors of a significant increase in credit risk and indicators of loan impairment.

In respect of the assessment of the allowance for expected credit losses on loans to legal entities, we reviewed assumptions, tested input data used by the Bank, and analyzed the model for assessing the probability of default, the level of recovery and macroeconomic forecast ratio. We reviewed the classification of loans by credit quality stage and recalculated the allowance for expected credit losses.

Our audit procedures also included the recalculation of the allowance for individually significant loans and loans with higher credit risk exposure. We analyzed the financial position of the borrowers and the Bank's strategy to collect outstanding amounts under impaired loans.

We analyzed consistency of management's assumptions applied in calculating the allowance for expected credit losses. We analyzed information related to the allowance for expected credit losses on loans, disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Responsibility of management and the Supervisory Board of Bank BelVEB OJSC for the consolidated financial statements

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

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the 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 Supervisory Board of Bank BelVEB OJSC is responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an 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 Law of the Republic of Belarus *On Auditing Activity*, National Rules for Auditing Activities effective in the Republic of Belarus and International Standards on Auditing, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Law of the Republic of Belarus *On Auditing Activity*, National Rules for Auditing Activities effective in the Republic of Belarus, and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- ▶ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control;
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management and related disclosures;
- ▶ 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 consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Bank to cease to continue as a going concern;

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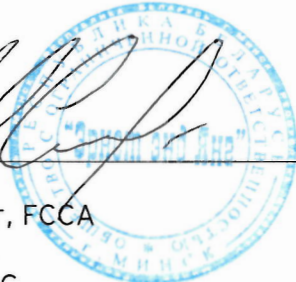

- ▶ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation;
- ▶ Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of entities or business activities within the Bank to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of the Bank. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Supervisory Board and the Audit Committee of Bank BelVEB OJSC regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Supervisory Board and the Audit Committee of Bank BelVEB OJSC with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, threat mitigation actions or related safeguards.


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

The partner in charge of the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Yulia Studynska.



I.V. Stankevich
Associate Partner, FCCA
Director on Audit
Ernst & Young LLC

10 March 2021



A.I. Korshun
Deputy Head of Audit Department -
Auditor, ACCA

Details of the audited entity

Name: Belvnesheconombank Open Joint Stock Company (Bank BelVEB OJSC)
Belvnesheconombank Open Joint Stock Company registered by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus on 12 December 1991, registration No. 24.
Address: 29 Pobediteley av., Minsk, Republic of Belarus, 220004.

Details of the audit firm

Name: Ernst & Young Limited Liability Company
Ernst & Young Limited Liability Company is registered in the State Register of Legal Entities and Individual Entrepreneurs on 7 April 2005, registration No. 190616051.
Member of the Audit Chamber from 26 December 2019.
Registration No. 10051 in the register of auditors, entered on 1 January 2020.
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Bank BelVEB OJSC

Consolidated financial statements

Consolidated statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2020

(Thousands of Belarusian rubles)

	Notes	2020	2019
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	836,947	809,633
Precious metals		21	158
Amounts due from credit institutions	7	53,957	65,423
Derivative financial assets	8	32	73
Loans to customers	9	3,543,672	3,410,592
Investment securities	10	518,687	415,390
Investments in associates and jointly controlled entities	11	2,546	5,257
Property and equipment	12	53,599	51,761
Right-of-use assets	13	10,405	4,559
Intangible assets	14	40,520	41,620
Current income tax asset		436	654
Other assets	17	32,232	30,852
Total assets		5,093,054	4,835,972
Liabilities			
Amounts due to credit institutions	18	1,408,298	1,293,375
Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	19	26	21
Derivative financial liabilities	8	7,860	1,258
Amounts due to customers	20	2,600,298	2,541,000
Debt securities issued	21	78,457	46,767
Lease liabilities		11,853	4,195
Current income tax liabilities		155	3,643
Deferred income tax liabilities	15	16,918	18,304
Other liabilities and provisions	17	57,956	55,918
Subordinated loans	22	257,467	212,600
Total liabilities		4,439,288	4,177,081
Equity			
Share capital	23	473,057	473,057
Share premium		458	458
Additional paid-in capital		5,485	5,485
Revaluation reserve for buildings		2,479	2,502
Revaluation reserve for securities		(2,732)	15,617
Retained earnings		175,019	161,772
Total equity attributable to shareholders of the Bank		653,766	658,891
Total equity		653,766	658,891
Total equity and liabilities		5,093,054	4,835,972

Signed and authorized for release on behalf of the Management Board of the Bank

Vasil S. Matsiusheuski Chairman of the Management Board

Olga S. Turbina Chief Accountant

10 March 2021

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated statement of profit or loss**For the year ended 31 December 2020***(Thousands of Belarusian rubles)*

	Notes	2020	2019
Interest revenue calculated using the effective interest rate			
Loans to customers		287,173	256,183
Investment securities		35,282	45,875
Amounts due from credit institutions		5,679	4,698
		328,134	306,756
Other interest revenue		5,788	–
Interest expense			
Amounts due to credit institutions		(49,365)	(48,914)
Amounts due to customers		(77,409)	(67,190)
Subordinated debt		(15,772)	(14,821)
Interest expense under leases		(187)	(111)
Debt securities issued		(5,024)	(4,712)
		(147,757)	(135,748)
Net interest income		186,165	171,008
(Charge)/reversal of allowances for credit losses	16	(86,751)	2,892
Net gains/(losses) on modification of loans	9	17	(101)
Net interest income after (charge)/reversal of allowances for credit losses		99,431	173,799
Net gains/(losses) from initial recognition of interest-bearing financial instruments		3,760	(10,423)
Net fee and commission income	25	65,605	63,055
Net losses from loans to customers at fair value through profit or loss		(727)	–
Net gains from investment financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		826	–
Net gains/(losses) from foreign currencies:			
- dealing		28,455	25,048
- transactions with currency derivative financial instruments		(31,289)	1,135
- translation differences		(4,553)	(17,229)
Share in loss of associates and jointly controlled entities	11	(2,711)	(487)
(Charge)/reversal of allowances for credit losses on other financial assets and credit related contingencies	16	(10,814)	8,089
Other income	26	42,955	70,823
Non-interest income		91,507	140,011
Personnel expenses	27	(68,522)	(73,085)
Depreciation and amortization	12, 13, 14	(27,739)	(25,008)
Taxes other than income tax		(3,628)	(3,120)
Other operating expenses	27	(76,111)	(70,819)
Non-interest expense		(176,000)	(172,032)
Profit before income tax expense		14,938	141,778
Income tax expense	15	(1,714)	(25,071)
Profit for the year		13,224	116,707
Attributable to:			
- shareholders of the Bank		13,224	116,707
		13,224	116,707

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income**For the year ended 31 December 2020***(Thousands of Belarusian rubles)*

	<i>Notes</i>	2020	2019
Profit for the year		13,224	116,707
Other comprehensive (loss)/income			
<i>Other comprehensive income to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods</i>			
Net change in the fair value of debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		(20,583)	6,982
Change in the allowance for expected credit losses on debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		3,060	(2,291)
Amount of accumulated earnings reclassified to profit or loss upon disposal of debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income		(826)	–
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		(18,349)	4,691
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		(5,125)	121,398
Attributable to:			
- shareholders of the Bank		(5,125)	121,398
		(5,125)	121,398

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated statement of changes in equity**For the year ended 31 December 2020***(Thousands of Belarusian rubles)*

	<i>Attributable to shareholders of the Bank</i>						<i>Total</i>
	<i>Share capital</i>	<i>Share premium</i>	<i>Additional paid-in capital</i>	<i>Revaluation reserve for buildings</i>	<i>Revaluation reserve for securities</i>	<i>Retained earnings</i>	
31 December 2018	473,057	458	5,485	12,746	10,926	34,821	537,493
Profit for the year	–	–	–	–	–	116,707	116,707
Other comprehensive income for the year	–	–	–	–	4,691	–	4,691
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	–	–	4,691	116,707	121,398
Amortization of revaluation reserve for buildings, net of tax (Note 23)	–	–	–	(189)	–	189	–
Disposal of revaluation reserve, net of tax (Note 23)	–	–	–	(10,055)	–	10,055	–
31 December 2019	473,057	458	5,485	2,502	15,617	161,772	658,891
Profit for the year	–	–	–	–	–	13,224	13,224
Other comprehensive loss for the year	–	–	–	–	(18,349)	–	(18,349)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	–	–	–	–	(18,349)	13,224	(5,125)
Amortization of revaluation reserve for buildings, net of tax (Note 23)	–	–	–	(23)	–	23	–
31 December 2020	473,057	458	5,485	2,479	(2,732)	175,019	653,766

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated statement of cash flows**For the year ended 31 December 2020***(Thousands of Belarusian rubles)*

	Notes	2020	2019
Profit for the period		13,224	116,707
<i>Adjustments:</i>			
Depreciation and amortization	12, 13, 14	27,739	25,008
Income tax expense	15	1,714	25,071
Charge/(reversal) of impairment allowance and other provisions	16	97,565	(10,981)
Changes in the value of loans at fair value through profit or loss		727	–
Share in (profit)/loss of associates and jointly controlled entities	11	2,711	487
Translation differences		4,553	17,229
Effect of initial recognition of interest-bearing financial instruments		(3,760)	10,423
Loss from modification of loan contractual terms		(17)	101
Changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments	8	6,643	1,185
Impairment of investments in associate	11	–	3,098
Loss from disposal of property and equipment, intangible assets and other assets	27	1,857	3,623
Other changes		(4,211)	7,004
Cash flows from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities		148,745	198,955
<i>Net decrease/(increase) in operating assets</i>			
Precious metals		137	176
Amounts due from credit institutions		23,618	542
Loans to customers		410,223	(547,335)
Other assets		(1,260)	8,563
<i>Net increase/(decrease) in operating liabilities</i>			
Short-term amounts due to credit institutions		180,245	53,301
Amounts due to customers		(384,487)	404,697
Other liabilities		(18,330)	9,310
Net cash flows from operating activities before income tax		358,891	128,209
Income tax paid		(6,370)	(2,492)
Net cash from operating activities		352,521	125,717

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated statement of cash flows (continued)

	Notes	2020	2019
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale and redemption of investment securities		286,642	2,891,109
Purchase of investment securities		(302,483)	(2,762,814)
Purchase of property and equipment and intangible assets	12, 14	(28,554)	(18,881)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment and intangible assets		3,819	13,092
Investments in associates and jointly controlled entities	11	–	48
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities		(40,576)	122,554
Cash flows from financing activities	32		
Proceeds from long-term interbank borrowings		259,931	218,786
Repayment of long-term interbank borrowings		(599,776)	(264,889)
Proceeds from issue of own debt securities		7,431	171,829
Redemption of own debt securities		220	–
Repurchase of own debt securities		(179,791)	(327,536)
Proceeds from sale of own debt securities		201,712	102,555
Lease payments		(6,550)	(2,005)
Net cash (used in) financing activities		(316,823)	(101,260)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		32,192	(23,002)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		27,314	124,009
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning		809,633	685,624
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	6	836,947	809,633

Interest paid and received by the Bank during the year ended 31 December 2020 amounted to BYN 144,054 thousand and BYN 326,188 thousand, respectively.

Interest paid and received by the Bank during the year ended 31 December 2019 amounted to BYN 140,057 thousand and BYN 319,904 thousand, respectively.

(Thousands of Belarusian rubles, unless otherwise indicated)

1. Principal activity

Belvnesheconombank Open Joint Stock Company (Bank BelVEB OJSC) was formed on 12 December 1991 as an open joint stock company under the laws of the Republic of Belarus. Bank BelVEB OJSC operates under general banking license No. 6 issued by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus on 21 December 2018 (before 21 December 2018: under general banking license No. 6 issued by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus on 21 December 2013), the special license for operations with precious metals and precious stones issued by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus on 23 June 2010 and the special permit (license) for operations with securities issued by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus on 29 July 2002.

Bank BelVEB OJSC is a universal financial institution and one of the leading commercial banks in the Republic of Belarus. Its activities include international settlements, currency operations and other services relating to foreign trade activities of the state and customers. The Bank has extensive experience and a proven track record in both international and domestic markets. The Bank's main office is in Minsk. As at 31 December 2020, the Bank has an extensive network of sales points, which comprises 34 offices rendering services to individuals and legal entities (including the large business category), of which 5 offices in regional cities, 13 offices in Minsk, 16 offices in other cities and towns throughout the country.

The legal address of Bank BelVEB OJSC is 29 Pobediteley av., Minsk, Republic of Belarus, 220004.

Bank BelVEB OJSC is a principal member of MasterCard International (since 1994) and VISA International (since 1995).

Bank BelVEB OJSC is a member of the deposit insurance system. The system operates under the Belarusian laws and regulations and is governed by the public institution "Agency of Deposits Compensation". Insurance covers Bank BelVEB OJSC's liabilities to individual depositors for 100% of each individual deposit amount in case of business failure and revocation of the banking license issued by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus.

These consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of Bank BelVEB OJSC and its subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities (together referred to as the "Bank"). A list of consolidated subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities is presented in Note 2.

As at 31 December, the following shareholders owned more than 5% of the outstanding shares:

Shareholder	2020, %	2019, %
State Development Corporation VEB.RF	97.52	97.52
Other	2.48	2.48
Total	100.00	100.00

The Bank is ultimately controlled by the Russian Government.

As at 31 December 2020, none of the members of the Bank's Board of Directors and Management Board controlled any of the Bank's shares (2019: 5, or 0.00000004% of the Bank's shares).

2. Basis of preparation

General

These consolidated accounting (financial) statements (hereinafter, "the consolidated financial statements") have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and are presented in thousands of Belarusian rubles (hereinafter, "BYN thousand"), except for data per share amounts or unless otherwise indicated.

The Bank and its subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities are required to maintain their accounting records and prepare their accounting (financial) statements for regulatory purposes in accordance with the Belarusian accounting and banking legislation and related instructions (hereinafter, "BAL"). These consolidated financial statements are based on the Bank's BAL books and records, as adjusted and reclassified in order to comply with IFRS.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except as disclosed in Summary of accounting policies below. For example, securities, property and equipment (buildings) and derivative financial instruments have been measured at fair value.

(Thousands of Belarusian rubles, unless otherwise indicated)

2. Basis of preparation (continued)**Subsidiaries**

The consolidated financial statements for 2020 and 2019 include the following subsidiaries:

Subsidiary	Interest/ voting, %	Country	Date of incorporation	Industry
BelVEB Insurance UIE	100.0	Republic of Belarus	17 October 1994	Insurance
VEB Technologies LLC	100.0	Republic of Belarus	2 March 2018	IT

The Bank's subsidiaries controlled through the above companies are as follows:

Subsidiary	Interest/ voting, %	Country	Date of incorporation	Industry
DFS LLC	100.00	Republic of Belarus	26 March 2019	Finance
BelVEB IT LLC	100.00	Republic of Belarus	29 October 2019	IT
VedyVenture LLC	100.00	Republic of Belarus	9 June 2020	Business and management consulting

In June 2020, VEB Technologies LLC founded VedyVenture LLC, a subsidiary, in which it holds a 100% stake worth BYN 360 thousand.

In March 2019, VEB Technologies LLC founded DFS LLC, a subsidiary, in which it holds a 100% stake worth BYN 2,100 thousand; in October 2019, VEB Technologies LLC founded BelVEB IT LLC, a subsidiary, in which it holds a 100% stake worth BYN 100 thousand.

DFS LLC is a fintech company, an operator of the platform where legal entities can raise borrowings by selling financial instrument tokens to the clients of the platform.

Associates and jointly controlled entities

Investments in associates and jointly controlled entities below for 2020 and 2019 are accounted for under the equity method (Note 11):

Associate	Interest/voting, %	Country	Date of incorporation	Industry	Date of acquisition
Sivelga CJSC	25.002	Republic of Belarus	30 April 1996	Manufacturing	3 October 2006

Jointly controlled entities	Interest/voting, %	Country	Date of incorporation	Industry	Date of acquisition
BelVEB Service LLC	19.00	Republic of Belarus	1 October 2019	Other	1 October 2019
BelVEB Capital LLC	19.00	Republic of Belarus	10 July 2019	Other	10 July 2019
BelVEB Consult LLC	34.39	Republic of Belarus	18 December 2019	Other	18 December 2019

In 2019-2020, in accordance with the Plan for Strategic Development of Bank BelVEB OJSC for 2019-2021, Bank BelVEB OJSC has been outsourcing some supporting business processes to BelVEB Service LLC and BelVEB Consult LLC. Certain supporting business processes / stages of business processes were outsourced.

As part of its strategy to transform the local network Bank BelVEB OJSC transferred the property management function to third parties and performed sale and leaseback transactions with third parties concerning part of the property items. Most property items were sold to BelVEB Capital LLC, co-founded by the Bank in July 2019.

(Thousands of Belarusian rubles, unless otherwise indicated)

2. Basis of preparation (continued)

The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic

Despite the absence of formal quarantine measures in 2020, Belarus, like many other countries, experienced a negative shock (though smaller in scale and time) due to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic did not affect the manufacturing sector directly, while a downturn in the Belarusian services sector was commensurate with the global recession (fewer shoppers at shopping centers and visitors at restaurants, etc.).

Government agencies of the Republic of Belarus have adopted a number of measures to mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic. Enacted on 24 April 2020, Ordinance No. 143 of the President of the Republic of Belarus On Support of the Economy provides for support measures for business entities in certain industries most exposed to adverse effects of the pandemic (commerce, transportation, the restaurant and food service industry, real estate transactions, etc.). The edict authorizes local authorities to move payment deadlines for taxes and levies fully payable to local budgets, defer lease payments for state-owned land plots, allow economic entities to pay outstanding lease amounts in installments and offer tax credit to affected businesses. Subsequently, Ordinance No. 143 was extended to 2021.

The Management Board of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus took a number of countercyclical measures to enhance banks' capacity to provide financial support for the real sector of economy being significantly affected by external negative factors. In particular, it adjusted certain prudential requirements for the period until 31 December 2020 (in September, the regulator extended some measures until 31 December 2021):

- ▶ When classifying assets exposed to credit risk and recognizing special provisions reported in prudential and financial statements prepared in accordance with national standards, banks are allowed:
 - ▶ To disregard the debtor's foreign currency proceeds sufficiency criterion
 - ▶ Not to classify debts as restructured ones regardless of the number of adjustments made to the respective agreements based on the assessment of debtors' cash flows and ability to settle obligations to the bank
 - ▶ Report debts on assets exposed to credit risk and contingent liabilities denominated in foreign currencies as secured, partially secured and unsecured net of consideration (interest, commission and other similar fees) payable within the next 12 months, including those charged and payable in the current month
- ▶ Banks are eligible to issue loans within the limit on maximum risk exposure per single borrower (a group of related borrowers) equivalent to 35% of the bank's regulatory capital (25% after excluding the countercyclical measures).
- ▶ The lower limit on liquidity coverage ratio was set at 80% (100% after excluding the countercyclical measures).
- ▶ The minimum capital requirement for banks and a non-banking credit and financial institutions was set at the amount effective as at 1 March 2020 with no indexation applied.
- ▶ Banks are allowed not to deduct the value of some intangible assets from Tier 1 capital.
- ▶ Other measures.

Moreover, the National Bank sent recommendations to supervisory boards (boards of directors) of banks, advising banks to transfer profits for 2019 and 2020 and retained earnings for prior years to the reserve and statutory fund instead of distributing dividends to shareholders in 2020 and 2021.

The Group continues to assess the effect of the pandemic and changes in economic conditions on its business, financial position and financial performance.

Estimation uncertainty

To the extent that information is available as at 31 December 2020, the Bank has reflected revised estimates of expected future cash flows in its ECL assessment (Notes 9, 24), estimation of fair values of financial instruments (Note 29).

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3. Summary of accounting policies

Changes in accounting policies

The Bank applied for the first time certain amendments to the standards, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020. The Bank has not early adopted any standards, interpretations or amendments that have been issued but are not yet effective.

Information on the impact of standards and interpretations effective since 1 January 2020

Amendments to IFRS 3: Definition of a Business

The amendments to IFRS 3 clarify that to be considered a business, an integrated set of activities and assets must include, at a minimum, an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create output. It is also clarified that a business can exist without including all of the inputs and processes needed to create outputs. These amendments had no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Bank but may impact future periods should the Bank enter into any business combinations.

Amendments to IFRS 7, IFRS 9 and IAS 39: Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

Amendments to IFRS 7, IFRS 9 and IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* include a number of reliefs, which apply to all hedging relationships that are directly affected by the interest rate benchmark reform. A hedging relationship is affected if the reform gives rise to uncertainties about the timing or amount of benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item or the hedging instrument. These amendments had no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Bank as it does not have any interest rate hedge relationships.

Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8: Definition of Material

The amendments suggest a new definition which states that, "information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity".

The amendments clarify that materiality will depend on the nature or magnitude of information, either individually or in combination with other information, in the context of the financial statements taken as a whole. A misstatement of information is material if it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions made by key users of the financial statements. These amendments had no impact on the consolidated financial statements of, nor is there expected to be any future impact to the Bank.

Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting issued on 29 March 2018

The Conceptual Framework is not a standard, and none of the concepts contained therein override the concepts or requirements in any standard. The purpose of the Conceptual Framework is to assist the IASB in developing standards, to help preparers develop consistent accounting policies where there is no applicable standard in place and to assist all parties to understand and interpret the standards.

The revised Conceptual Framework includes some new concepts, provides updated definitions and recognition criteria for assets and liabilities and clarifies some important concepts. These amendments had no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Bank.

Basis of consolidation

Subsidiaries, which are entities controlled by the Bank, are consolidated. Control is achieved when the Bank is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Specifically, the Bank controls an investee if, and only if, the Bank has:

- ▶ Power over the investee (i.e., existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee)
- ▶ Exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee
- ▶ The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns.

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Basis of consolidation (continued)

Generally, there is a presumption that a majority of voting rights results in control. To support this presumption and when the Bank has less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Bank considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- ▶ The contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee
- ▶ Rights arising from other contractual arrangements
- ▶ The Bank's voting rights and potential voting rights.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Bank and are no longer consolidated from the date that control ceases. All intra-group transactions balances and unrealized gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated in full; unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of impairment of the asset transferred. Where necessary, accounting policies for subsidiaries have been changed to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Bank.

A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a change of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction. Losses of a subsidiary are attributed to the non-controlling interests even if that results in a deficit balance.

If the Bank loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognizes the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, the carrying amount of any non-controlling interests, the cumulative translation differences, recorded in equity; recognizes the fair value of the consideration received, the fair value of any investment retained and any surplus or deficit in profit or loss and reclassifies the parent's share of components previously recognized in other comprehensive income to profit or loss.

Investments in associates and jointly controlled entities

Associates are entities in which the Bank generally has between 20% and 50% of the voting rights, or is otherwise able to exercise significant influence, but which it does not control or jointly control.

Jointly controlled entities involve joint operation, through which the parties exercise joint control over the entity and have rights to net assets of the entity.

Investments in associates and jointly controlled entities are accounted for under the equity method and are initially recognized at cost, including goodwill. Subsequent changes in the carrying amount reflect the post-acquisition changes in the Bank's share of net assets of the associates and jointly controlled entities. The Bank's share in profits or losses of its associates and jointly controlled entities is recognized in profit or loss, and its share in movements in allowances is recognized in other comprehensive income. However, when the Bank's share in losses of its associates and jointly controlled entities equals or exceeds its interest in the associates or jointly controlled entities, the Bank does not recognize further losses, unless the Bank is obliged to make further payments to, or on behalf of, the associates and jointly controlled entities.

Unrealized gains on transactions between the Bank and its associates and jointly controlled entities are eliminated to the extent of the Bank's interest in the associates and jointly controlled entities; unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

Fair value measurement

The Bank measures financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss (hereinafter, "FVPL") and at fair value through other comprehensive income (hereinafter, "FVOCI"), as well as non-financial assets such as property and equipment (buildings), at fair value at each reporting date.

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. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- ▶ In the principal market for the asset or liability; or
- ▶ In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Fair value measurement (continued)

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Bank. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest. A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Bank uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximizing the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs. All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- ▶ Level 1 – Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- ▶ Level 2 – Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable
- ▶ Level 3 – Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

For assets and liabilities that are recognized in the consolidated financial statements on a recurring basis, the Bank determines whether transfers have occurred between Levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorization (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

Financial assets and liabilities

Initial recognition

Date of recognition

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets and liabilities are recognized on the trade date i.e. the date that the Bank commits to purchase the asset or the liability. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets and liabilities under a contract that require delivery of assets and liabilities within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

Initial measurement

The classification of financial instruments at initial recognition depends on their contractual terms and the business model for managing the instruments. Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value, including transaction costs, except when financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at FVPL.

Measurement categories of financial assets and liabilities

The Bank classifies all of its financial assets based on the business model for managing the assets and the asset's contractual terms, measured at either:

- ▶ Amortized cost
- ▶ FVOCI
- ▶ FVPL.

The Bank classifies and measures its derivative and trading portfolio at FVPL. The Bank may at its discretion designate the financial instruments as measured at FVPL, if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency.

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

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

Amounts due from credit institutions, loans to customers at amortized cost

The Bank only measures amounts due from credit institutions, loans to customers and other financial investments at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- ▶ The financial asset is held under a business model designated to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows
- ▶ The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding.

Business model assessment

The Bank determines its business model at the level that best reflects how it manages groups of financial assets to achieve its business objective.

The Bank's business model is not assessed on an instrument-by-instrument basis, but at a higher level of aggregated portfolios and is based on observable factors such as:

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

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

"Solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding" test (SPPI test)

As a second step of its classification process, the Bank assesses the contractual terms of the financial asset to identify whether they meet the SPPI test.

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

The most significant elements of interest within a lending arrangement are typically the consideration for the time value of money and credit risk. To make the SPPI assessment, the Bank applies judgment and considers relevant factors such as the currency in which the financial asset is denominated, and the period for which the interest rate is set.

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

Debt instruments at FVOCI

The Bank measures debt instruments at FVOCI if the following two conditions are met:

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

FVOCI debt instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with gains and losses arising due to changes in fair value recognized in other comprehensive income (hereinafter, "OCI").

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

The fair value of debt financial instruments (bonds) is the present value of all future (expected) cash flows under this instrument at the date of its origination and/or at the reporting date discounted with the market interest rate for this (comparable/similar) financial instrument. The market interest rate for this financial instrument or other comparable/similar financial instruments is determined on the basis of available internal and external sources of information depending on the type and nature of a financial instrument.

To determine the fair value of available debt financial instruments (Eurobonds), the current estimate of demand, namely, the last quote is used on the basis of information disclosed by exchanges at the close of a current trading day and quotes published by Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg as at the end of the previous business day.

Interest income and foreign exchange gains or losses are recognized in profit or loss in the same manner as for financial assets measured at amortized cost. On derecognition, cumulative gains or losses previously recognized in OCI are reclassified from OCI to profit or loss.

The ECLs for debt instruments measured at FVOCI do not reduce the carrying amount of these financial assets in the consolidated statement of financial position, which remains at fair value. Instead, an amount equal to the allowance for expected losses that would arise if the assets were measured at amortized cost is recognized in OCI as an accumulated impairment amount, with a corresponding charge to profit or loss. The accumulated loss recognized in OCI is recycled to the profit and loss upon derecognition of the asset.

Equity instruments at FVOCI

Upon initial recognition, the Bank elects to classify irrevocably its equity investments as equity instruments at FVOCI when they meet the definition of equity under IAS 32 *Financial Instruments: Presentation* and are not held for trading. Such decision to classify is adopted for each instrument separately.

Gains and losses on such equity instruments are never reclassified to profit or loss. Dividends are recognized in profit or loss as other income when the right of the payment has been established, except when the Bank benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the instrument, in which case, such gains are recorded in OCI. Equity instruments at FVOCI are not subject to an impairment assessment. Upon disposal of these instruments, the accumulated revaluation reserve is transferred to retained earnings.

Financial guarantees, letters of credit and loan commitments

The Bank issues financial guarantees, letters of credit and loan commitments.

Financial guarantees are initially recognized in the financial statements at fair value, in the amount of the premium received. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Bank's liability under each guarantee is measured at the higher of the amount initially recognized less cumulative amortization recognized in the consolidated statement of profit or loss, of the allowance for expected credit losses (hereinafter, "ECL").

Undrawn loan commitments and letters of credits are commitments where, over the duration of the commitment, the Bank is required to provide a loan with pre-specified terms to the customer. Similarly to financial guarantees, the ECL measurement requirements are applied to such commitments.

The Bank occasionally issues loan commitments at below market interest rates. Such commitments are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at the higher of the amount of the allowance for ECL and the amount initially recognized less, when appropriate, the cumulative amount of income recognized.

Reclassification of financial assets and liabilities

The Bank does not reclassify its financial assets subsequent to their initial recognition, apart from exceptional cases when the Bank changes the business model for managing financial assets. Financial liabilities are never reclassified. In 2020, the Bank did not reclassify any of its financial assets and liabilities.

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, amounts due from the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus, excluding obligatory reserves, and amounts due from credit institutions that mature within ninety days of the date of origination and are free from contractual encumbrances.

Precious metals

Precious metals in the form of ingots and coins are recorded at bid prices, which approximate fair values. The Bank determines value of write-off of precious metals in the form of ingots and coins at self-cost of each unit. Changes in the NBRB's bid prices are recorded as translation differences from precious metals in other income.

Derivative financial instruments

In the normal course of business, the Bank enters into various derivative financial instruments including forwards and swaps in the foreign exchange market. Such financial instruments are held for trading and are recorded at fair value. The fair values are estimated based on quoted market prices or pricing models that take into account the current market and contractual prices of the underlying instruments and other factors. Derivatives are carried as assets when their fair value is positive and as liabilities when it is negative. Gains and losses resulting from these instruments are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss as net gains/(losses) from foreign currencies.

Borrowings

Issued financial instruments or their components are classified as liabilities, where the substance of the contractual arrangement results in the Bank having an obligation either to deliver cash or other financial assets to the holder, or to satisfy the obligation other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments. Such instruments include amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus, amounts due to credit institutions, amounts due to customers, debt securities issued, other borrowings and subordinated debts. After initial recognition, borrowings are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognized in the consolidated statement of profit or loss when the borrowings are derecognized as well as through the amortization process.

Borrowings from parent originated at interest rates different from market rates are measured at origination to their fair value, being future interest payments and principal repayment(s) discounted at market interest rates for similar borrowings. The difference between the fair value and the nominal value at origination is charged to equity as additional paid in capital. Subsequently, the carrying amount of such borrowings is adjusted for amortization of the gains/losses on origination and the related expense is recorded as interest expense within the consolidated statement of profit or loss using the effective interest method.

Leases

i. Bank as lessee

The Bank applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Bank recognizes lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

Right-of-use assets

The Bank recognizes right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognized, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Unless the Bank is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the recognized right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment testing.

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Leases (continued)

Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Bank recognizes lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. Lease payments include fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Bank and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects exercising the option to terminate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognized as expenses in the period in which the event or condition occurs that triggers such payment.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Bank uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the in-substance fixed lease payments or a change in the assessment to purchase the underlying asset.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Bank applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of assets that are considered of low value (i.e., less than BYN 12 thousand). Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Significant judgment in determining the lease term of contracts with renewal options

The Bank determines the lease term as the non-cancellable term of the lease, together with any periods covered by an option to extend the lease if it is reasonably certain to be exercised, or any periods covered by an option to terminate the lease, if it is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

ii. Operating – Bank as lessor

Leases in which the Bank does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset are classified as operating leases. Rental income arising is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and is included in revenue in the consolidated statement of profit or loss due to its operating nature. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognized over the lease term on the same basis as lease income. Contingent rents are recognized as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

iii. Finance — Bank as lessor

The Bank recognizes lease receivables at value equal to the net investment in the lease, starting from the date of commencement of the lease term. Finance income is based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the net investment outstanding. Initial direct costs are included in the initial measurement of the lease receivables.

Write-off of the loans issued

Loans are written off against the created allowance for expected credit losses when deemed uncollectible, including through repossession of collateral. Loans are written off after the Bank's authorized bodies have exercised all possibilities available to collect amounts due to the Bank including sale of all available collateral. The decision to write off bad debt against the allowance for impairment is approved by the Distressed Assets Committee.

Restructured loans

Where possible, the Bank seeks to restructure loans, as agreed upon between the parties, rather than to take possession of collateral, for example, to extend payment arrangements, agree upon new loan conditions or otherwise modify contractual cash flows.

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Restructured loans (continued)

The Bank derecognizes a financial asset, such as a loan to a customer, when the renegotiation of terms and conditions result in a significant change in cash flows, which is a significant modification of a financial asset to the extent that, substantially, it becomes a new loan, with the difference recognized as a derecognition gain or loss before an impairment loss has been recorded. At initial recognition, loans are classified to Stage 1 for ECL assessment purposes, unless the newly originated loan is considered a POCI asset (purchased or originated credit-impaired asset). When assessing whether a loan to a customer should be derecognized, the Bank considers the following:

- ▶ The currency of a financial asset has changed
- ▶ The interest rate has changed (from fixed to floating and vice versa)
- ▶ The debtor (counterparty) under the contract has changed

Where the modification does not result in a significant change in cash flows, it also does not result in derecognition of a financial asset, this modification is insignificant. An insignificant modification includes a change in a contract validity period, a change in the frequency of principal and interest payments, as well as other changes in contract terms that are not a significant modification. Based on the change in cash flows discounted at the original EIR, the Bank records a modification gain or loss, presented within interest revenue calculated using EIR in the consolidated statement of profit or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded.

Where a modification does not result in derecognition, the Bank reassesses whether the credit risk related to a financial asset has increased significantly since its initial recognition, taking into account all reasonable and supportable information, including forecast data, and classifies financial instruments to one of the following stages of accrual of the allowance based on the degree of deterioration in the credit quality of the asset after its initial recognition.

- ▶ Stage 1– financial assets, for which there are no factors indicating a significant increase in credit risk and no impairment indicators; for these assets, 12-month ECL are recognized
- ▶ Stage 2– financial assets, for which there are factors indicating a significant increase in credit risk, but there are no impairment indicators; for these assets, lifetime ECL are recognized
- ▶ Stage 3– financial assets with impairment indicators; for these assets, lifetime ECL are recognized.

The Bank recognizes restructuring of a loan in case of the following: any changes in contractual terms related to the maturity (repayment) of the principal amount and/or the interest payment date, and/or principal repayment schedule (terms and amounts), and/or interest repayment schedule (terms), and/or interest rate, as well as entering into a new contract, under which a Bank may have an asset exposed to credit risk and obligations of the Bank and the debtor under the previous contract are discharged (the debtor under the new contract and the previous contract is one and the same entity). These changes, which result from debtor's inability to meet its obligations, are introduced to encourage the debtor to meet its obligations in full and in a timely manner.

Problematic restructuring indicating a significant increase in credit risk is a repeated and subsequent restructuring, when there are no factors that indicate a significant increase in credit risk and/or impairment indicators; or restructuring when there are factors indicating a significant increase in credit risk at the time of restructuring; or restructuring when overdue liabilities on principal amount and/or interest become term liabilities; or restructuring that involves rescheduling of the previously stipulated payment of the principal amount and/or interest for more than one year.

Default restructuring is a restructuring associated with the inability of the borrower (counterparty) to fulfill its obligations under the initial contractual terms

Restructuring is recognized as default if at least one of the following criteria is met:

- ▶ Restructuring when there are indicators that a financial asset is impaired at the time of restructuring and the recovery condition is not yet met or not met,
- ▶ or repeated and subsequent restructuring when there are factors indicating a significant increase in credit risk and the recovery condition is not yet met or not met
- ▶ Restructuring with a partial write-off of the debt (principal amount and/or interest) to the off-balance sheet (forgiveness of debt)
- ▶ Restructuring results in a decrease in the contractual interest rate to 2/3 or less of the rate set by the Financial Committee of the Bank for the relevant currency for a comparable period.

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Restructured loans (continued)

If the financial asset of a borrower is classified to Stage 3, other available financial instruments of this borrower are also classified to Stage 3. In case of a new loan issued to this borrower, this loan is classified as a credit-impaired financial asset.

The credit quality of a financial asset can be recovered in case of at least three consecutive payments made to the Bank to repay the debt in full and in a timely manner continuously in accordance with the contractual terms during at least 12 months when there were no factors indicating a significant increase in credit risk (for the recovery from Stage 2 to Stage 1) or no impairment indicators (for the recovery from Stage 3 to Stage 2, or, if all of the above recovery conditions are met, to Stage 1).

Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets

A financial asset is derecognized in the consolidated statement of financial position where:

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

Write-off

Financial assets are written off either partially or in their entirety only when the Bank has stopped pursuing the recovery. If the amount to be written off is greater than the accumulated allowance for impairment, the difference is at first recorded as an increase in the allowance that is subsequently applied to the gross carrying amount. Any subsequent recoveries are credited to other income. The write-off constitutes a derecognition event.

Financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in profit or loss.

Taxation

The income tax expense is the sum of current and deferred income taxes.

The Bank and each of its subsidiaries estimate the current income tax expense separately based on the results recorded in their statements of profit or loss prepared under the requirements of Belarusian legislation and after any adjustments for taxation purposes.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated in respect of temporary differences using the liability method. Deferred income taxes are provided for all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values for financial reporting purposes, except where the deferred income tax arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

A deferred tax asset is recorded only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax regulations that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Taxation (continued)

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

The Republic of Belarus also has various operating taxes, which are assessed on the Bank's activities. These taxes are recorded separately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss within other operating expenses.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment, except for buildings, are carried at cost adjusted for hyperinflation, excluding the cost of day to-day serving, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of equipment when that cost is incurred if the recognition criteria are met.

The carrying amounts of property and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable.

Following initial recognition at cost, buildings are carried at a revalued amount, which is the fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Valuations are performed frequently enough to ensure that the fair value of a revalued asset does not differ materially from its carrying amount.

Accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. Any revaluation surplus is credited to in other comprehensive income, except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognized in the consolidated statement of profit or loss, in which case the increase is taken to the financial result. A revaluation deficit is recognized in the consolidated statement of profit or loss, except that a deficit directly offsetting a previous surplus on the same asset is directly offset against the surplus in the revaluation reserve for property and equipment.

An annual transfer from the revaluation reserve for property and equipment to retained earnings is made for the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the assets and depreciation based on the assets' original cost. Upon disposal, any revaluation reserve relating to the particular asset being sold is transferred to retained earnings.

Depreciation of an asset begins when it is available for use. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	27-100
Furniture and office supplies	2-10
Computers and equipment	2-8
Motor vehicles	2-10

The asset's residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed and adjusted as appropriate, at each financial year-end.

Costs related to repairs and renewals are charged when incurred and included in other operating expenses, unless they qualify for capitalization.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets include computer software and licenses.

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a business combination is fair value as at the date of acquisition.

Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses, as adjusted for hyperinflation.

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Intangible assets (continued)

The useful lives of intangible assets are finite. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over the useful economic lives of 3 to 5 years and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired.

Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Bank has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount of obligation can be made.

Retirement and other employee benefit obligations

In the reporting period, the Bank participated in the State pension system of the Republic of Belarus, which requires current contributions by the employer calculated as a percentage of current gross salary payments. In addition, the Bank undertook additional pension obligations in the form of payments to former employees who have retired and are unemployed. These expenses are charged in the period the related salaries are earned.

Since 1 January 2013, the Bank has participated in the system of voluntary supplementary pension insurance for employees of Bank BelVEB OJSC – the pension plan with defined contribution. Pension insurance expenses are reflected in other operating expenses.

Share capital

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. External costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares, other than on a business combination, are shown as a deduction from the proceeds in equity. Any excess of the fair value of consideration received over the nominal value of shares issued is recorded as share premium.

Dividends

Dividends are recognized as a liability and deducted from equity at the reporting date only if they are declared before or on the reporting date. Dividends are disclosed when they are proposed before the reporting date, or proposed or declared after the reporting date but before the consolidated financial statements are authorized for issue.

Segment reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Bank that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses; and for which financial information is available and is regularly reviewed by the entity's chief operating decision maker (a person or a group of persons) responsible for making decisions on allocation of resources and assessing financial performance.

Financial information is to be reported on the same basis as is used internally for assessing the performance of operating segments while making decision on resource allocation between operating segments. The Bank's segment reporting is based on the following operating segments: corporate banking, retail banking and inter-bank operations. Note 5 "Segment information" of these consolidated financial statements contains information relating to profit and loss, assets and liabilities of the Bank's operating segments. This information is provided to persons responsible for making decisions in the Bank.

In addition, the Bank has presented a reconciliation of profit and loss before taxation of the reporting segments, as well as a reconciliation of the gross amount of segment assets to the total amount of the Bank's assets presented in these consolidated financial statements.

Contingencies

Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position but are disclosed unless the possibility of any outflow in settlement is remote. A contingent asset is not recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position but disclosed in the consolidated financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Recognition of income and expenses

Revenue is recognized to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Bank and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognized in the consolidated financial statements:

Interest and similar income and expense

The Bank calculates interest revenue on debt financial assets measured at amortized cost or at FVOCI by applying the EIR to the gross carrying amount of financial assets other than credit-impaired assets. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. The calculation takes into account all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, prepayment options) and includes any fees or incremental costs that are directly attributable to the instrument and are an integral part of the effective interest rate, but not future credit losses. The carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability is adjusted if the Bank revises its estimates of payments or receipts. The adjusted carrying amount is calculated based on the original effective interest rate and the change in the carrying amount is recorded as interest revenue or expense.

In case of a credit-impaired financial asset, the Bank calculates the interest revenue, applying the effective interest rate to the net amortized cost of this asset. If the default on the financial asset is liquidated, and it is no longer a credit-impaired asset, the Bank proceeds to calculate the income revenue on the basis of the gross carrying amount.

In case of purchased or originated credit-impaired (POCI) financial assets, the Bank calculates the interest revenue applying the effective interest rate adjusted for the credit risk to the amortized cost of the financial asset. An effective interest rate adjusted for the credit risk is an interest rate that at initial recognition discounts estimated future cash flows (including credit losses) to the amortized cost of the POCI assets.

Fee and commission income

The Bank earns fee and commission income from a diverse range of services it provides to its customers. Fee and commission income can be divided into the following two categories:

Fee and commission income earned from services that are provided over a certain period of time

Fees earned for the provision of services over a period of time are accrued over that period. These fees include commission income and asset management, custody and other management and advisory fees. Loan commitment fees for loans that are likely to be drawn down and other credit related fees are deferred (together with any incremental costs) and recognized as an adjustment to the effective interest rate on the loan.

Fee income from providing transaction services

Fee income arising from negotiating or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party – such as the arrangement of the acquisition of shares or other securities or the purchase or sale of businesses – is recognized on completion of the underlying transaction. Fees or components of fees that are linked to a certain performance indicator are recognized after fulfilling the corresponding criteria.

Dividend income

Revenue is recognized when the Bank's right to receive the payment is established.

Insurance transactions

Insurance premiums

The premiums on insurance contracts of BelVEB Insurance UIE, the Bank's subsidiary, are recorded from the date of commencement of the insurance contracts and are recognized within income on a pro rata basis over the term of insurance contracts by changing the amount of provision for unearned premiums.

Provision for unearned premiums

Unearned premium provision is formed as a part of insurance premium accrued under the insurance contract that relates to the contract term after the reporting date and is calculated in proportion to the remaining contractual period.

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Insurance transactions (continued)

Insurance claims paid

Claims paid including claims settlement expenses are expensed in the consolidated statement of profit or loss as incurred.

Insurance loss provision

Insurance loss provision is the estimate of liabilities relating to future insurance payments and includes outstanding claims provision and provision for claims incurred but not yet reported. The estimates are based on the information obtained by the Bank in the course of investigation of insurance claims on a claim-by-claim basis. The provision created is recognized by the Bank within liabilities until such liabilities are discharged, cancelled, or expired. Methods to assess and calculate provisions are continuously reviewed and updated. Resulting adjustments are reflected in the consolidated statement of profit or loss as they arise. The insurance loss provisions are estimated on an undiscounted basis, as the claim settlement process is relatively quick.

Foreign currency translation

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Belarusian rubles, which is the Bank's functional and presentation currency. Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the functional currency converted at the rate of exchange effective at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. Gains and losses resulting from the translation of foreign currency transactions are recognized in the consolidated statement of profit or loss as "Net gains/(losses) from foreign currencies - translation differences". Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the date of the initial transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

Differences between the contractual exchange rate of a transaction in a foreign currency and the exchange rate of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus on the date of the transaction are included in gains less losses from foreign currencies.

The closing exchange rates that were used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are presented in the table below:

	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
BYN/USD	2.578900	2.103600
BYN/EUR	3.168000	2.352400
BYN/RUB	0.034871	0.034043

Standards issued but not yet effective

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Bank's financial statements are disclosed below. The Bank intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

In May 2017, the IASB issued IFRS 17 *Insurance Contracts* (IFRS 17), a comprehensive new accounting standard for insurance contracts covering recognition and measurement, presentation and disclosure. Once effective, IFRS 17 will replace IFRS 4 *Insurance Contracts* (IFRS 4) that was issued in 2005. IFRS 17 applies to all types of insurance contracts (i.e., life, non-life, direct insurance and re-insurance), regardless of the type of entities that issue them, as well as to certain guarantees and financial instruments with discretionary participation features. A few scope exceptions will apply. IFRS 17 introduces new accounting requirements for banking products with insurance features that may affect the determination of which instruments or which components thereof will be in the scope of IFRS 9 or IFRS 17.

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3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

Standards issued but not yet effective (continued)

Credit cards and similar products that provide insurance coverage: most issuers of these products will be able to continue with their existing accounting treatment as a financial instrument under IFRS 9. IFRS 17 excludes from its scope credit card contracts (and other similar contracts that provide credit or payment arrangements) that meet the definition of an insurance contract if, and only if, the entity does not reflect an assessment of the insurance risk associated with an individual customer in setting the price of the contract with that customer.

When the insurance coverage is provided as part of the contractual terms of the credit card, the issuer is required to:

- ▶ Separate the insurance coverage component and apply IFRS 17 to it
- ▶ Apply other applicable standards (such as IFRS 9, IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* or IAS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*) to the other components.

Loan contracts that meet the definition of insurance but limit the compensation for insured events to the amount otherwise required to settle the policyholder's obligation created by the contract: issuers of such loans – e.g. a loan with waiver on death – have an option to apply IFRS 9 or IFRS 17. The election would be made at a portfolio level and would be irrevocable.

IFRS 17 is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, with comparative figures required. Early application is permitted, provided the entity also applies IFRS 9 and IFRS 15 on or before the date it first applies IFRS 17.

The Bank is currently estimating the potential effect of IFRS 17 adoption on its consolidated financial statements.

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments: Fees in the '10 per cent' test for derecognition of financial liabilities

As part of its 2018-2020 Annual Improvements to IFRS standards process, the IASB issued an amendment to IFRS 9. The amendment clarifies the fees that an entity includes when assessing whether the terms of a new or modified financial liability are substantially different from the terms of the original financial liability. These fees include only those paid or received between the borrower and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the borrower or lender on the other's behalf. An entity applies the amendment to financial liabilities that are modified or exchanged on or after the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the amendment.

The amendment is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022, with early adoption permitted. The Bank will apply the amendments to financial liabilities that are modified or exchanged on or after the beginning of the annual period in which it will first adopt the amendment. It is not expected that this amendment will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Bank.

Interest Rate Benchmark Reform: Phase 2 Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16

In August 2020, the IASB issued *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform: Phase 2 Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16* (IBOR reform Phase 2) to address the accounting issues which arise upon the replacement of an interbank offered rate (IBOR) with a risk-free rate.

These amendments includes a number of reliefs and additional disclosures. The reliefs apply upon the transition of a financial instrument from an IBOR to a risk-free rate.

Changes to the basis for determining contractual cash flows as a result of the interest rate benchmark reform are required as a practical expedient to be treated as changes to a floating interest rate, provided that, for the financial instrument, the transition from the IBOR benchmark rate to risk-free rate takes place on an economically equivalent basis. The Bank will apply these amendments from January 2021.

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4. Significant accounting judgments and estimates

In the process of applying the Bank's accounting policies, management has used its judgments and made estimates in determining the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements. The most significant use of judgments and estimates are as follows:

Fair value of financial instruments

Where the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position cannot be derived from active markets, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of mathematical models. The inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgment is required in establishing fair values. The carrying amounts of financial instruments measured at fair value as at 31 December 2020 are as follows: securities - BYN 518,687 thousand (2019: BYN 415,390 thousand); funds in precious metals on correspondent accounts - BYN 3,297 thousand (2019: BYN 28,315 thousand); loans at FVPL - BYN 35,999 thousand (2019: BYN 44,829 thousand); derivative financial assets - BYN 32 thousand (2019: BYN 73 thousand); derivative financial liabilities - BYN 7,860 thousand (2019: BYN 1,258 thousand); and funds in precious metals on customers' current accounts - BYN 672 thousand (2019: BYN 28,141 thousand). Additional information is presented in Note 29.

Revaluation of buildings

As at 31 December 2020, the Bank's property was not revalued due to the insignificant change in real estate market prices for the period from the date of the latest valuation (31 December 2018) and the insignificant deviation of the fair value from the carrying amount as at 31 December 2020.

As at 31 December 2019, the Bank's property was also not revalued. According to the information from open sources and analysis of the real estate market, the average sale price of office premises for the period from the end of 2018 changed insignificantly (by no more than 2%).

The net book value of the property and equipment revalued at the end of 2020 amounted to BYN 26,924 thousand; at the end of 2019: BYN 24,791 thousand (Note 12). The accumulated revaluation reserve for buildings as at 31 December 2020 and 2019 amounted to BYN 2,479 thousand and BYN 2,502 thousand, respectively. Additional information is presented in Note 23.

Insurance loss provision

Insurance loss provision of BelVEB Insurance UIE, the Bank's subsidiary, is the estimate of liabilities relating to future insurance payments and includes outstanding claims provision and provision for claims incurred but not yet reported. The estimates are based on the information obtained by the Bank in the course of investigation of insurance claims on a claim-by-claim basis. The provision created is recognized by the Bank within liabilities until such liabilities are discharged, cancelled, or expired. Methods to assess and calculate provisions are continuously reviewed and updated. Resulting adjustments are reflected in the consolidated statement of profit or loss as they arise. The insurance loss provisions are estimated on an undiscounted basis, as the claim settlement process is relatively quick. As at 31 December 2020, the amount of insurance provisions totaled BYN 12,362 thousand (2019: BYN 7,515 thousand).

Expected credit losses/impairment losses on financial assets and contingent liabilities

The measurement of losses under IFRS 9 across all categories of financial assets and contingent liabilities requires judgment, in particular, the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows and collateral values when determining ECL/impairment losses and assessing a significant increase in credit risk. These estimates are driven by a number of factors, changes in which can result in different levels of allowances. The Bank's ECL calculations are outputs of complex models with a number of underlying assumptions regarding the choice of variable inputs and their interdependencies. Elements of the ECL models that are considered accounting judgments and estimates include:

- ▶ The Bank's internal credit grading model, which assigns PDs to the individual grades
- ▶ The Bank's criteria for assessing if there has been a significant increase in credit risk; so, allowances for financial assets should be measured on a lifetime ECL basis, and the qualitative assessment; grouping of financial assets when their ECL are assessed on a collective basis; development of ECL calculation models, including various formulae and the selection of inputs
- ▶ Selection of scenarios and weights of credit strategies used to estimate future cash flows for impaired loans (Stage 3)
- ▶ Determination of interrelations between macroeconomic scenarios and economic inputs, such as real GDP growth rate and the BYN/USD exchange rate, as well as the impact on the probability of default (PD), exposure at default (EAD), and loss given default (LGD)
- ▶ Selection of forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios and their probability weightings to derive the economic inputs into the ECL models.

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4. Significant accounting judgments and estimates (continued)

Expected credit losses/impairment losses on financial assets and contingent liabilities (continued)

The amount of allowance recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020 was BYN 238,058 thousand (2019: BYN 125,177 thousand). More details are provided in Notes 7, 9, 17 and 24.

Deferred tax assets

A deferred tax asset is recognized for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized. The Bank's management judgment is required to determine the amount of the recognized tax assets based on the timing and the level of future taxable profit.

Leases – estimating the incremental borrowing rate

The Bank cannot readily determine the interest rate implicit in the lease, therefore, it uses its incremental borrowing rate to measure lease liabilities. The incremental borrowing rate is the rate of interest that the Bank would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, and with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. Therefore, the incremental borrowing rate reflects what the Bank "would have to pay", which requires estimation when no observable rates are available or when they need to be adjusted to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease.

The Bank determines the incremental borrowing rate with the use of unobservable inputs. As at 31 December 2020, the Bank recognized right-of-use assets in the amount of BYN 10,405 thousand (2019: BYN 4,559 thousand) and lease liabilities in the amount of BYN 11,853 thousand (2019: BYN 4,195 thousand).

Significant control

In 2019, the Bank co-founded BelVEB Capital LLC and BelVEB Service LLC, in which it holds a 19% interest in the share capital, and BelVEB Consult LLC (hereinafter, the "Companies"), in which it holds a 34.39% interest in the share capital. Although its stakes are less than 50%, the Bank believes that the Companies are managed through joint control due to the following factors:

- ▶ The Bank and other investors have significant rights (unanimous vote on significant matters), which give powers to investors, i.e. to influence significant operations of the Companies.
- ▶ The Bank and other investors are exposed to variable returns.
- ▶ The Bank and investors can exercise powers through a unanimous vote with no barriers and can block significant decisions requiring unanimous vote.
- ▶ There is no agreement on the settlement of disputes (arbitrage). This can give additional influence to any participant in the Companies should they disagree on significant matters requiring unanimous vote.

Additional information on investments in joint operations is disclosed in Note 11.

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5. Segment information

For management purposes, the Bank is organized into three operating segments:

Retail banking	Issuing and servicing retail loans for various purposes, handling individual customers' deposits, cash and settlements operations, currency transactions, the issue and maintenance of payment cards, transactions with precious metals.
Corporate banking	Sales of banking products and providing services (issuing loans and financing) to corporate and private entrepreneurial customers, attracting deposits from corporate customers, cash and settlements operations, currency and documentary transactions.
Interbank operations	Handling accounts of other banks, transactions of allocation/raising funds in the interbank market, including transactions with the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus, currency conversion operations with other banks, transactions with derivatives, bank securities transactions.

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance, as explained in the table below, is measured differently from profit or loss in the consolidated financial statements. Income taxes are managed on a group basis and are not allocated to operating segments.

In 2020 and 2019, no revenue from transactions with a single external customer or counterparty amounted to 10% or more of the Bank's total revenue. Non-current non-financial assets and deferred tax assets are related to the Republic of Belarus. Generally, revenue is earned from sources in the Republic of Belarus.

The following table presents asset and liability information regarding the Bank's operating segments as at 31 December 2020:

	Corporate banking	Retail banking	Interbank operations	Other	Total
Segment assets	3,471,684	395,970	801,883	265,788	4,935,325
Segment liabilities	1,692,347	1,029,352	1,565,074	42,562	4,329,335

The following table presents asset and liability information regarding the Bank's operating segments as at 31 December 2019:

	Corporate banking	Retail banking	Interbank operations	Other	Total
Segment assets	3,267,207	339,220	814,390	240,989	4,661,806
Segment liabilities	1,412,382	1,209,090	1,399,575	59,934	4,080,981

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5. Segment information (continued)

A reconciliation of assets and liabilities as per the reportable segments with the Bank's assets and liabilities under IFRS as at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 is as follows:

	Total assets		Total liabilities	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Reported segments, total	4,935,325	4,661,806	4,329,335	4,080,981
Adjustment to credit loss expense and other impairment	70,783	72,871	18,065	3,311
Recognition of loans previously written off	36,783	24,669	–	20
Accrued personnel expenses	–	–	2,188	962
Adjustment to amortized cost of loans issued under state programs	–	–	–	–
Adjustment to amortized cost of borrowings and subordinated debt	–	–	(5,208)	(1,630)
Adjustment to other impairment and provisions	–	–	(17,789)	(14,239)
Adjustment to historical cost and depreciation of property and equipment	(15,491)	201	–	–
Adjustment to transit accounts and other temporary differences	22,650	13,125	(750)	(4,198)
Adjustment to reclassify corporate bonds to loans to customers	–	–	–	–
Recognition of derivative financial instruments at fair value	25	(912)	842	1,034
Consolidation effect	(2,190)	1,255	(8,990)	(8,743)
Securities revaluation	(7,089)	8,701	(352)	–
Other adjustments	(884)	(163)	–	–
Adjustment with regard to loans to employees	(1,474)	(2,506)	–	–
Adjustment to recognition of letters of credit as loans to customers	94,128	101,252	94,103	101,285
Share of (loss)/profit of an associate	(40)	225	–	–
Adjustment to income tax	(10)	(10)	16,191	16,807
Recognition of fees and commissions received under partner programs	(4,300)	(7,036)	–	–
Adjustment to amortized cost of securities issued	–	–	–	(152)
Recognition of POCI	(18,622)	(14,303)	–	–
Addition of net assets of the subsidiary disposed of in 2019	131	137	–	–
Effect from initial recognition	(8,661)	(10,973)	567	(1,632)
Effect from amortization of previously modified loans	(14,526)	(14,887)	–	–
Recognition of loans to customers issued on non-market terms from the funds of interbank lending	(2,958)	(1,102)	–	–
Adjustments to lease and leaseback transactions	9,474	3,622	11,086	3,275
Total IFRS	5,093,054	4,835,972	4,439,288	4,177,081

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5. Segment information (continued)

Revenue and profit information of the Bank's operating segments for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, respectively, is presented below:

2020	Corporate banking	Retail banking	Interbank operations	Other	Total
Revenue from operations with external customers					
Interest income	217,813	46,928	36,740	–	301,481
Net fee and commission income/(expense)	39,358	36,118	(2,018)	806	74,264
Net gains from foreign currencies	21,568	8,410	33,547	4	63,529
Other income	4,092	1,761	48,624	15,547	70,024
Total revenue	282,831	93,217	116,893	16,357	509,298
Interest expense	(45,803)	(33,448)	(64,116)	–	(143,367)
Allowance for loan impairment	(86,076)	(13,902)	3,089	(707)	(97,596)
Segment profit before non- interest expense	150,952	45,867	55,866	15,650	268,335
Non-interest expense	(14,725)	(23,916)	(79,280)	(116,418)	(234,339)
Income tax expense	(5,444)	(1,499)	(2,709)	6,469	(3,183)
Profit for the year	130,783	20,452	(26,123)	(94,299)	30,813
2019	Corporate banking	Retail banking	Interbank operations	Other	Total
Revenue from operations with external customers					
Interest income	201,687	39,084	40,474	–	281,245
Net fee and commission income/(expense)	33,569	38,925	(821)	(1,001)	70,672
Net gains from foreign currencies	8,266	6,400	3,270	–	17,936
Other income	13,685	1,408	24,012	81,322	120,427
Total revenue	257,207	85,817	66,935	80,321	490,280
Interest expense	(30,620)	(35,720)	(69,911)	–	(136,251)
Allowance for loan impairment	(45,311)	(5,672)	(4,661)	453	(55,191)
Segment profit/(loss) before non-interest expense	181,276	44,425	(7,637)	80,774	298,838
Non-interest expense	(24,011)	(31,224)	(23,244)	(178,276)	(256,755)
Income tax expense	(6,933)	(4,062)	2,590	4,746	(3,659)
Profit for the year	150,332	9,139	(28,291)	(92,756)	38,424

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5. Segment information (continued)

A reconciliation of profit before tax, interest income and expense, net fee and commissions income, net gains from dealing in foreign currencies as per the reportable segments with the IFRS consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year ended 31 December 2020 is as follows:

	<i>Profit before tax</i>	<i>Interest income</i>	<i>Interest expense</i>	<i>Net fee and commission income</i>	<i>Other income</i>	<i>Non-interest expense</i>	<i>Net gains from foreign currencies</i>
Reported segments, total	33,996	301,481	(143,367)	74,264	70,024	(234,339)	63,529
Adjustment to other impairment and provisions	17,789	-	-	-	-	17,789	-
Adjustment to amortized cost of borrowings and subordinated debt	1,947	-	1,229	-	-	-	717
Recognition of loans previously written off	15,633	5,583	20	-	5,539	3,415	167
Share of loss of an associate	(265)	-	-	-	(265)	-	-
(Charge)/reversal of allowance for impairment of interest-earning assets	(36,810)	-	-	-	-	(28,252)	(36,027)
Recognition of derivative financial instruments at fair value	369	-	-	-	-	-	369
Accrued personnel expenses	(2,284)	-	-	-	-	(2,284)	-
Adjustment to historical cost and depreciation of property and equipment	(15,692)	-	-	-	(4,142)	(11,551)	-
Adjustment to loans to employees	1,032	1,330	-	-	-	(298)	-
Adjustment to transit accounts and other temporary differences	7,088	1,797	-	42	-	1,203	-
Reclassification of repayment amount for debt previously written off	-	174	-	(174)	17,931	-	-
Securities revaluation	201	2,241	248	-	(2,348)	60	-
Recognition of fees and commissions received under the partner programs	2,736	11,675	-	(8,939)	-	-	-
Recognition of POCI	(4,319)	3,010	-	-	-	-	-
Effect from initial recognition	(112)	(7,046)	3,812	-	-	3,123	-
Effect from modification	361	343	-	-	-	17	-
Adjustments to lease and leaseback transactions	(1,958)	-	(187)	-	824	1,190	(3,785)
Consolidation effect and other adjustments	(4,774)	13,334	(9,512)	412	(44,608)	63,113	(32,357)
Total IFRS	14,938	333,922	(147,757)	65,605	42,955	(186,814)	(7,387)

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5. Segment information (continued)

A reconciliation of profit before tax, interest income and expense, net fee and commissions income, net gains from dealing in foreign currencies as per the reportable segments with the IFRS consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year ended 31 December 2019 is as follows:

	<i>Profit before tax</i>	<i>Interest income</i>	<i>Interest expense</i>	<i>Net fee and commission income</i>	<i>Other income</i>	<i>Non-interest expense</i>	<i>Net gains from foreign currencies</i>
Reported segments, total	42,083	281,245	(136,251)	70,672	120,427	(256,755)	17,936
Adjustment to other impairment and provisions	14,239	-	-	-	-	20,212	-
Adjustment to amortized cost of borrowings and subordinated debt	1,859	-	1,944	-	-	-	(85)
Recognition of loans previously written off	(8,992)	120	18	(517)	(5,170)	(3,853)	(60)
Adjustment to reclassify corporate bonds to loans to customers	(5)	(5)	-	-	-	-	-
Share of loss of an associate, impairment of investments	(3,664)	-	-	-	(567)	(3,098)	-
(Charge)/reversal of allowance for impairment of interest-earning assets	74,314	-	-	-	(8,089)	(892)	(12,832)
Recognition of derivative financial instruments at fair value	(1,946)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,946)
Accrued personnel expenses	(1,251)	-	-	-	-	(1,251)	-
Adjustment to historical cost and depreciation of property and equipment	(3,326)	-	-	-	(13,833)	10,506	-
Adjustment to loans to employees	(818)	(332)	-	-	-	(486)	-
Effect from initial recognition	(8,037)	340	(1,258)	-	-	(7,118)	-
Adjustment to transit accounts and other temporary differences	(3,144)	(3,919)	-	66	-	771	(62)
Securities revaluation	91	582	(258)	-	(238)	5	-
Netting of financial result from disposal of property and equipment	-	-	-	-	(52,130)	52,130	-
Reclassification of repayment amount for debt previously written off	-	172	-	(172)	40,511	-	-
Recognition of fees and commissions received under the partner programs	(7,036)	771	-	(7,807)	-	-	-
Recognition of POCI	22,027	4,512	522	-	-	-	-
Addition of net assets of the subsidiary disposed of in 2019	(5,738)	-	-	-	(5,738)	-	-
Adjustments to lease and leaseback transactions	346	-	(111)	-	(56)	210	303
Adjustment to recognition of letters of credit as loans to customers	(167)	(5,558)	1,194	1,459	-	-	2,738
Effect from modification	23,325	27,225	(3,900)	-	-	-	-
Consolidation effect and other adjustments	7,618	1,603	2,352	(646)	(4,294)	17,587	2,962
Total IFRS	141,778	306,756	(135,748)	63,055	70,823	(172,032)	8,954

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5. Segment information (continued)

Segment revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of IFRS 15 *Revenue* for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 is as follows:

2020	Services to individuals	Services to legal entities	Total
Fee and commission income			
Settlement transactions	45,838	44,072	89,910
Guarantees and letters of credit	28	19,221	19,249
Operations with securities	100	130	230
Other fee and commission income	2,685	5,560	8,245
Total revenues from contracts with customers	48,651	68,983	117,634

2019	Services to individuals	Services to legal entities	Total
Fee and commission income			
Settlement transactions	49,803	29,359	79,162
Guarantees and letters of credit	66	16,123	16,189
Operations with securities	32	54	86
Other fee and commission income	8,061	3,883	11,944
Total revenues from contracts with customers	57,962	49,419	107,381

6. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises:

	2020	2019
Current accounts with the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	561,372	570,615
Current accounts with credit institutions	194,091	141,310
Cash on hand	65,418	40,591
Cash in transit	16,066	7,044
Time deposits for up to 90 days	–	50,073
Cash and cash equivalents	836,947	809,633

Cash in transit includes amounts under cash support transactions with service offices of Bank BelVEB OJSC.

7. Amounts due from credit institutions

Amounts due from credit institutions comprise:

	2020	2019
Obligatory reserve with the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	40,760	31,159
Other amounts	6,241	4,603
Time deposits for more than 90 days	4,094	1,630
Funds in precious metals on accounts	3,297	28,315
	54,392	65,707
Less: allowance for impairment	(435)	(284)
Amounts due from credit institutions	53,957	65,423

Belarusian credit institutions are required to maintain a non-interest earning cash deposit (obligatory reserve) with the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus, the amount of which depends on the level of funds attracted by the credit institution. The Bank's ability to withdraw such deposit is significantly restricted by the statutory legislation.

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7. Amounts due from credit institutions (continued)

As at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019, "Funds in precious metals on accounts" included funds in precious metals on current accounts designated as at fair value through profit or loss. Amounts due from credit institutions that are included in "Other amounts" are funds transferred to banks as guarantee deposits for transactions involving payment cards.

Allowance for impairment of amounts due from credit institutions at amortized cost

Movements in the gross carrying amount and relevant allowances for ECL for the year ended 31 December 2020 are as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross carrying amount at 1 January 2020	65,707	–	–	65,707
New purchased or originated assets	14,392	–	–	14,392
Assets redeemed	(26,648)	–	–	(26,648)
Other changes	(6)	–	–	(6)
Exchange differences	947	–	–	947
31 December 2020	54,392	–	–	54,392

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Allowance for ECL at 1 January 2020	284	–	–	284
New purchased or originated assets	35	–	–	35
Assets redeemed	(15)	–	–	(15)
Charge of allowance	131	–	–	131
Exchange differences	–	–	–	–
31 December 2020	435	–	–	435

Movements in the gross carrying amount and relevant allowances for ECL for the year ended 31 December 2019 are as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross carrying amount at 1 January 2019	33,056	–	–	33,056
New purchased or originated assets	6,762	–	–	6,762
Assets redeemed	(2,401)	–	–	(2,401)
Exchange differences	(25)	–	–	(25)
31 December 2019	37,392	–	–	37,392

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Allowance for ECL at 1 January 2019	109	–	–	109
New purchased or originated assets	15	–	–	15
Assets redeemed	(22)	–	–	(22)
Charge of allowance	176	–	–	176
Exchange differences	6	–	–	6
31 December 2019	284	–	–	284

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8. Derivative financial instruments

The Bank enters into derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. The table below shows the fair values of derivative financial instruments, recorded as assets or liabilities, together with their notional amounts. The notional amount, recorded gross, is the amount of a derivative's underlying asset or reference rate or index and is the basis upon which changes in the value of derivatives are measured. Notional amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at the year end and are not indicative of the credit risk.

	2020			2019		
	Notional amount	Fair value		Notional amount	Fair value	
		Asset	Liability		Asset	Liability
Foreign exchange contracts						
Forwards and swaps – foreign	325,133	–	7,835	302,197	73	1,258
Forwards and swaps – domestic	5,449	32	25	–	–	–
Total derivative assets/liabilities	330,582	32	7,860	302,197	73	1,258

Foreign contracts in the table above are contracts with non-residents of the Republic of Belarus.

As at 31 December 2020, the Bank has positions in the following types of derivatives:

Forwards

Forward contracts are contractual agreements to buy or sell a specified financial instrument at a specific price and date in the future. Forwards are customized contracts transacted in the over-the-counter market.

Swaps

Swaps are contractual agreements between two parties to exchange movements in interest and foreign exchange rates and equity indices, and (in the case of credit default swaps) to make payments with respect to defined credit events based on specified notional amounts.

9. Loans to customers

Loans to customers comprise:

	2020	2019
Corporate lending	2,532,964	2,416,627
Small and medium business lending	790,312	733,432
Consumer lending	287,797	255,345
Residential mortgages	115,910	81,795
Total loans to customers at amortized cost	3,726,983	3,487,199
Less: allowance for impairment	(219,310)	(121,436)
Loans to customers at amortized cost	3,507,673	3,365,763
Corporate lending	35,999	44,829
Loans to customers at fair value through profit or loss	35,999	44,829
Total loans to customers	3,543,672	3,410,592

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9. Loans to customers (continued)

Loans to customers at FVPL

Loans to customers at FVPL are installments for items of property and equipment sold. Information about the fair value measurement of loans to customers at FVPL is disclosed in Note 29.

Allowance for impairment of loans to customers measured at amortized cost

Movements in the gross carrying amount and relevant ECL related to corporate lending for the year ended 31 December 2020 are as follows:

<i>Corporate lending</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
Gross carrying amount at					
1 January 2020	1,940,631	308,749	135,025	32,222	2,416,627
New purchased or originated assets	690,132	200,763	–	–	890,895
Assets redeemed	(833,285)	(202,153)	(12,773)	(5,107)	(1,053,318)
Changes resulting from issue/redemption	(142,445)	(17,130)	(1,665)	–	(161,240)
Transfers to Stage 1	2,422	(2,422)	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(315,371)	316,033	(662)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(36,310)	(22)	36,332	–	–
Changes in contractual cash flows due to modification not resulting in derecognition	211	53	(61)	–	203
Unwinding of discount	–	–	4,824	1,379	6,203
Amounts written off	–	–	(5,734)	(6,019)	(11,753)
Exchange differences	278,174	128,624	32,049	6,500	445,347
31 December 2020	1,584,159	732,495	187,335	28,975	2,532,964

<i>Corporate lending</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL at 1 January 2020	8,314	4,753	63,011	8,395	84,473
New purchased or originated assets	4,406	9,401	–	–	13,807
Assets redeemed	(1,566)	(3,067)	1,449	(1,095)	(4,279)
Transfers to Stage 1	10	(10)	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(1,965)	2,627	(662)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(666)	–	666	–	–
Effect on ECL at the period-end due to transfers between stages during the period	8	18,139	5,814	–	23,961
Changes in models and inputs used for ECL calculations	(615)	30	249	–	(336)
Charge of allowance	7,307	2,735	3,196	10,861	24,099
Unwinding of discount	–	–	3,776	270	4,046
Amounts written off	–	–	(5,734)	(6,019)	(11,753)
Exchange differences	2,928	6,650	13,793	2,386	25,757
31 December 2020	18,161	41,258	85,558	14,798	159,775

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9. Loans to customers (continued)

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

Movements in the gross carrying amount and relevant ECL related to small and medium business lending for the year ended 31 December 2020 are as follows:

<i>Small and medium business lending</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
Gross carrying amount at 1 January 2020	636,924	61,719	33,453	1,336	733,432
New purchased or originated assets	342,182	8,925	–	–	351,107
Assets redeemed	(257,791)	(1,395)	(6,095)	(169)	(265,450)
Changes resulting from issue/redemption	(153,375)	(8,045)	(6,533)	898	(167,055)
Transfers to Stage 1	7,903	(7,903)	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(10,952)	11,226	(274)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(3,356)	(51,619)	54,975	–	–
Changes in contractual cash flows due to modification not resulting in derecognition	775	19	–	–	794
Amounts written off	–	–	(1,293)	–	(1,293)
Exchange differences	119,772	2,753	15,812	440	138,777
31 December 2020	682,082	15,680	90,045	2,505	790,312

<i>Small and medium business lending</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL at 1 January 2020	4,626	11,266	15,746	–	31,638
New purchased or originated assets	3,068	530	–	–	3,598
Assets redeemed	(1,768)	(31)	(1,784)	(72)	(3,655)
Transfers to Stage 1	41	(41)	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(26)	75	(49)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(159)	(11,163)	11,322	–	–
Effect on ECL at the period-end due to transfers between stages during the period	85	458	8,765	–	9,308
Changes in models and inputs used for ECL calculations	2,518	10	909	–	3,437
Charge/(reversal) of allowance	192	(187)	(10,553)	72	(10,476)
Amounts written off	–	–	(1,293)	–	(1,293)
Exchange differences	1,648	176	4,433	–	6,257
31 December 2020	10,225	1,093	27,496	–	38,814

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9. Loans to customers (continued)

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

Movements in the gross carrying amount and relevant ECL related to consumer lending for the year ended 31 December 2020 are as follows:

Consumer lending	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	Total
Gross carrying amount at 1 January 2020	249,086	2,113	4,146	-	255,345
New purchased or originated assets	115,316	5,100	-	-	120,416
Assets redeemed	(632)	(18)	(2,039)	-	(2,689)
Changes resulting from issue/redemption	(85,216)	539	8,546	-	(76,131)
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	(11,763)	11,763	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	(11,763)	11,763	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	(9,144)	-	(9,144)
Exchange differences	-	-	-	-	-
31 December 2020	266,791	7,734	13,272	-	287,797

Consumer lending	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	Total
ECL at 1 January 2020	540	1,015	3,748	-	5,303
New purchased or originated assets	12,701	2,943	-	-	15,644
Assets redeemed	(3)	(11)	(2,016)	-	(2,030)
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	(10,052)	10,052	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	(10,052)	10,052	-	-
Effect on ECL at the period-end due to transfers between stages during the period	-	-	-	-	-
Changes in models and inputs used for ECL calculations	2,035	262	8,543	-	10,840
Amounts written off	-	-	(9,145)	-	(9,145)
Exchange differences	-	-	-	-	-
31 December 2020	5,221	4,209	11,182	-	20,612

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9. Loans to customers (continued)

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

Movements in the gross carrying amount and relevant ECL related to residential mortgages for the year ended 31 December 2020 are as follows:

<i>Residential mortgages</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
Gross carrying amount at					
1 January 2020	81,743	46	6	–	81,795
New purchased or originated assets	38,806	–	–	–	38,806
Assets redeemed	(5,201)	–	–	–	(5,201)
Changes resulting from issue/redemption	–	494	63	–	557
Transfers to Stage 1	–	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	–	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	–	–	–	–
Changes in contractual cash flows due to modification not resulting in derecognition	–	–	–	–	–
Amounts written off	–	–	(47)	–	(47)
Exchange differences	–	–	–	–	–
31 December 2020	115,348	540	22	–	115,910

<i>Residential mortgages</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL at 1 January 2020	7	9	6	–	22
New purchased or originated assets	15	–	–	–	15
Assets redeemed	–	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 1	–	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	–	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	–	–	–	–
Effect on ECL at the period-end due to transfers between stages during the period	–	–	–	–	–
Changes in models and inputs used for ECL calculations	25	41	53	–	119
Amounts written off	–	–	(47)	–	(47)
Exchange differences	–	–	–	–	–
31 December 2020	47	50	12	–	109

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9. Loans to customers (continued)

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

Movements in the gross carrying amount and relevant ECL related to corporate lending for the year ended 31 December 2019 are as follows:

<i>Corporate lending</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
Gross carrying amount at					
1 January 2019	1,638,429	313,437	249,490	26,962	2,228,318
New purchased or originated assets	995,275	129,883	280	6,182	1,131,620
Assets redeemed	(719,005)	(91,237)	(81,705)	–	(891,947)
Changes resulting from issue/redemption	1,050	14,531	(568)	(521)	14,492
Transfers to Stage 1	149,545	(148,064)	(1,481)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(98,445)	98,445	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	(3,656)	3,656	–	–
Changes in contractual cash flows due to modification not resulting in derecognition	(2,070)	(749)	(1,409)	–	(4,228)
Amounts written off	–	–	(31,558)	–	(31,558)
Exchange differences	(24,148)	(3,841)	(1,680)	(401)	(30,070)
31 December 2019	1,940,631	308,749	135,025	32,222	2,416,627

<i>Corporate lending</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL at 1 January 2019	8,431	12,810	127,943	9,754	158,938
New purchased or originated assets	4,989	2,053	103	–	7,145
Assets redeemed	(2,567)	(4,864)	(37,262)	–	(44,693)
Transfers to Stage 1	2,583	(2,276)	(307)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(681)	681	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	(531)	531	–	–
Effect on ECL at the period-end due to transfers between stages during the period	(2,349)	743	259	–	(1,347)
Changes in models and inputs used for ECL calculations	(1,568)	(3,800)	2,837	–	(2,531)
Charge/(reversal) of allowance	(25)	222	4,243	(856)	3,584
Amounts written off	–	–	(31,558)	–	(31,558)
Exchange differences	(499)	(285)	(3,778)	(503)	(5,065)
31 December 2019	8,314	4,753	63,011	8,395	84,473

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9. Loans to customers (continued)

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

Movements in the gross carrying amount and relevant ECL related to small and medium business lending for the year ended 31 December 2019 are as follows:

<i>Small and medium business lending</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
Gross carrying amount at 1 January 2019	401,653	130,367	33,477	39,082	604,579
New purchased or originated assets	364,034	2,402	4,463	1,335	372,234
Assets redeemed	(109,689)	(10,545)	807	–	(119,427)
Changes resulting from issue/redemption	(57,446)	1,604	(2,507)	(2,326)	(60,675)
Transfers to Stage 1	111,713	(111,713)	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(61,108)	61,108	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(2,181)	(2,218)	4,399	–	–
Changes in contractual cash flows due to modification not resulting in derecognition	(2,128)	(8,518)	210	–	(10,436)
Amounts written off	–	–	(6,980)	(36,738)	(43,718)
Exchange differences	(7,924)	(768)	(416)	(17)	(9,125)
31 December 2019	636,924	61,719	33,453	1,336	733,432

<i>Small and medium business lending</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL at 1 January 2019	3,283	14,996	18,983	8,391	45,653
New purchased or originated assets	2,593	89	741	–	3,423
Assets redeemed	(216)	(847)	4,484	–	3,421
Transfers to Stage 1	13,690	(13,690)	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(2,063)	2,063	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(18)	(56)	74	–	–
Effect on ECL at the period-end due to transfers between stages during the period	(12,083)	9,092	1,454	–	(1,537)
Changes in models and inputs used for ECL calculations	(11,038)	9,082	(3,731)	–	(5,687)
Charge/(reversal) of allowance	10,755	(8,787)	1,734	28,279	31,981
Amounts written off	–	–	(6,980)	(36,739)	(43,719)
Exchange differences	(277)	(676)	(1,013)	69	(1,897)
31 December 2019	4,626	11,266	15,746	–	31,638

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9. Loans to customers (continued)

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

Movements in the gross carrying amount and relevant ECL related to consumer lending for the year ended 31 December 2019 are as follows:

Consumer lending	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	Total
Gross carrying amount at					
1 January 2019	185,888	557	569	–	187,014
New purchased or originated assets	125,798	1,420	3,383	–	130,601
Assets redeemed	(25,228)	(132)	388	–	(24,972)
Changes resulting from issue/redemption	(35,721)	(241)	(611)	–	(36,573)
Transfers to Stage 1	118	(87)	(31)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(789)	789	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(980)	(193)	1,173	–	–
Amounts written off	–	–	(725)	–	(725)
Exchange differences	–	–	–	–	–
31 December 2019	249,086	2,113	4,146	–	255,345

Consumer lending	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	Total
ECL at 1 January 2019	159	101	309	–	569
New purchased or originated assets	334	757	3,128	–	4,219
Assets redeemed	(17)	(22)	489	–	450
Transfers to Stage 1	–	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(13)	13	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(26)	(49)	75	–	–
Effect on ECL at the period-end due to transfers between stages during the period	–	229	521	–	750
Changes in models and inputs used for ECL calculations	103	(14)	(49)	–	40
Amounts written off	–	–	(725)	–	(725)
Exchange differences	–	–	–	–	–
31 December 2019	540	1,015	3,748	–	5,303

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9. Loans to customers (continued)

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

Movements in the gross carrying amount and relevant ECL related to residential mortgages for the year ended 31 December 2019 are as follows:

<i>Residential mortgages</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
Gross carrying amount at					
1 January 2019	68,343	55	53	–	68,451
New purchased or originated assets	21,431	–	–	–	21,431
Assets redeemed	(2,621)	(2)	(2)	–	(2,625)
Changes resulting from issue/redemption	(5,434)	(17)	3	–	(5,448)
Transfers to Stage 1	61	(24)	(37)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(34)	34	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(3)	–	3	–	–
Changes in contractual cash flows due to modification not resulting in derecognition	–	–	–	–	–
Amounts written off	–	–	(14)	–	(14)
Exchange differences	–	–	–	–	–
31 December 2019	81,743	46	6	–	81,795

<i>Residential mortgages</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>POCI</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL at 1 January 2019	12	1	12	–	25
New purchased or originated assets	–	–	–	–	–
Assets redeemed	–	–	7	–	7
Transfers to Stage 1	5	–	(5)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(1)	1	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	–	–	–	–
Effect on ECL at the period-end due to transfers between stages during the period	–	2	3	–	5
Changes in models and inputs used for ECL calculations	(9)	5	3	–	(1)
Amounts written off	–	–	(14)	–	(14)
Exchange differences	–	–	–	–	–
31 December 2019	7	9	6	–	22

As at 31 December 2020, the Bank introduced certain changes to the assessment of expected credit losses due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, the Bank updated forward looking information on macroeconomic indicators and scenarios' weights. Information on macroeconomic indicators and scenarios' weights is disclosed in Note 28.

The contractual amount outstanding on loans and advances to customers (legal entities) at amortized cost that were written off during the year ended 31 December 2020 and that are still subject to enforcement activity amounted to BYN 13,592 thousand (2019: BYN 7,766 thousand). All debts written off on loans to individuals are being collected, except for debts of deceased borrowers with no heirs.

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9. Loans to customers (continued)**Allowance for impairment of loans to customers measured at amortized cost (continued)**

The undiscounted ECL at initial recognition on acquired credit-impaired loans and advances to customers that were initially recognized during the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019 are as follows:

	2020	2019
Corporate lending	–	8,395
Small business lending	–	(1,148)
Total undiscounted ECL at initial recognition of POCI assets	–	7,247

Modified and restructured loans

The table below includes Stage 2 and Stage 3 assets that were renegotiated during the period and, as a result, recognized as restructured assets, and the associated losses incurred by the Bank due to the modification.

	2020	2019
Loans to customers modified during the period	43,997	193,837
Amortized cost before modification	44,008	204,631
Net loss from modification	(11)	(10,794)
Loans to customers modified since initial recognition	215,916	216,355

The gross carrying amount of loans to customers as at 1 January, for which the calculation of the allowance for impairment was changed to 12-month ECL

10,325	83,066
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Collateral and other credit enhancements

The amount and type of collateral required by the Bank depends on an assessment of the credit risk of the counterparty. Guidelines are implemented regarding the acceptability of types of collateral and valuation parameters.

The main types of collateral obtained are as follows:

- ▶ For securities lending – cash or securities
- ▶ For corporate lending – charges over real estate property, equipment, vehicles, inventory, rights to claim future proceeds on accounts receivables or surety of third parties
- ▶ For consumer lending – mortgages over residential properties, pledges of vehicles and surety of third parties.

Management monitors the market value of collateral, requests additional collateral in accordance with the underlying agreement, and monitors the market value of collateral obtained during its review of the adequacy of the allowance for impairment losses.

In the absence of collateral or other credit enhancements, ECL on Stage 3 loans to customers as at 31 December 2020 would have increased by BYN 52,974 thousand (2019: BYN 12,073 thousand).

Concentration of loans to customers

As at 31 December 2020, the Bank had a concentration of loans represented by BYN 1,163,092 thousand due from the ten largest borrowers (groups of related borrowers) (31% of the gross loan portfolio) (2019: BYN 1,087,568 thousand, or 31%). An allowance of BYN 97,697 thousand was recognized against these loans (2019: BYN 8,257 thousand).

Loans have been issued to the following types of customers:

	2020	2019
Private companies	1,738,421	1,432,742
State-controlled companies (state ownership of more than 50%)	1,620,854	1,762,145
Individuals	403,707	337,141
Total loans to customers	3,762,982	3,532,028

As at 31 December 2020, the carrying amount of assets received in repayment of debt was BYN 1,415 thousand (31 December 2019: BYN 1,066 thousand) (Note 17).

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9. Loans to customers (continued)**Concentration of loans to customers (continued)**

Loans are issued principally within the Republic of Belarus in the following industry sectors:

	2020	2019
Manufacturing	1,884,236	1,778,025
Trading enterprises	605,565	560,181
Individuals	403,707	337,141
Agriculture and food processing	288,607	252,407
Real estate construction	260,538	257,216
Transport	147,061	184,940
Financial sector	136,769	137,475
Science and education	2,774	3,387
Other	33,725	21,256
	3,762,982	3,532,028

Finance lease receivables

Finance lease receivables are included in the corporate lending portfolio. The analysis of finance lease receivables as at 31 December 2020 is as follows:

	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	Later than 5 years	Total
Total investments in finance leases	101	89	–	190
Unearned future finance income on finance lease	(19)	(7)	–	(26)
Net investment in finance lease	82	82	–	164

The analysis of finance lease receivables as at 31 December 2019 is as follows:

	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	Later than 5 years	Total
Total investments in finance leases	221	146	–	367
Unearned future finance income on finance leases	(46)	(18)	–	(64)
Net investment in finance leases	175	128	–	303

10. Investment securities

Investment securities comprise:

	2020	2019
Debt securities at FVOCI		
Bonds of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus	390,347	289,287
Bonds of the Development Bank	106,528	94,107
Bonds of local authorities of the Republic of Belarus	13,073	12,549
Bonds of resident banks of the Republic of Belarus	8,251	8,055
Bonds of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	–	10,904
	518,199	414,902
Equity securities at FVOCI		
Participation shares	367	367
Corporate shares	121	121
	488	488

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10. Investment securities (continued)

Movements in the gross carrying amount of debt securities at FVOCI for the year ended 31 December 2020 are as follows:

<i>Debt securities at FVOCI</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Total</i>
Gross carrying amount at 1 January 2020	415,390	415,390
New purchased or originated assets	196,509	196,509
Assets redeemed	(61,355)	(61,355)
Assets sold	(70,050)	(70,050)
Change in fair value	(21,409)	(21,409)
Exchange differences	59,602	59,602
31 December 2020	518,687	518,687

Movements in the allowance for ECL on debt securities at FVOCI for the year ended 31 December 2020 are as follows:

<i>Debt securities at FVOCI</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Total</i>
Allowance for ECL at 1 January 2020	3,404	3,404
New purchased or originated assets	2,527	2,527
Assets redeemed	(409)	(409)
Assets sold	(654)	(654)
Charge of allowance	1,084	1,084
Exchange differences	512	512
31 December 2020	6,464	6,464

Movements in the gross carrying amount of debt securities at FVOCI for the year ended 31 December 2019 are as follows:

<i>Debt securities at FVOCI</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Total</i>
Gross carrying amount at 1 January 2019	556,286	556,286
New purchased or originated assets	195,155	195,155
Assets redeemed	(320,212)	(320,212)
Assets sold	(857)	(857)
Change in fair value	6,982	6,982
Exchange differences	(21,964)	(21,964)
31 December 2019	415,390	415,390

Movements in the allowance for ECL on debt securities at FVOCI for the year ended 31 December 2019 are as follows:

<i>Debt securities at FVOCI</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Total</i>
Allowance for ECL at 1 January 2019	5,695	5,695
New purchased or originated assets	1,600	1,600
Assets redeemed	(2,913)	(2,913)
Assets sold	(113)	(113)
Reversal of allowance	(865)	(865)
31 December 2019	3,404	3,404

In 2020, the Bank received dividends on equity instruments at FVOCI in the amount of BYN 448 thousand (2019: BYN 79 thousand), which were recognized within other income in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

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11. Investments in associates and jointly controlled entities

The following associates and jointly controlled entities are accounted under the equity method:

Associate	Ownership/voting, %	Country	Date of incorporation	Industry	Date of acquisition	Carrying amount at	
						31 December 2020	31 December 2019
Sivelga CJSC	25.002	Republic of Belarus	30 April 1996	Manufacturing	3 October 2006	–	265

Jointly controlled entities	Ownership/voting, %	Country	Date of incorporation	Industry	Date of acquisition	Carrying amount at	
						31 December 2020	31 December 2019
BelVEB Capital LLC	19.00	Republic of Belarus	10 July 2019	Other	10 July 2019	2,292	4,892
BelVEB Service LLC	19.00	Republic of Belarus	1 October 2019	Other	1 October 2019	176	100
BelVEB Consult LLC	34.39	Republic of Belarus	18 December 2019	Other	18 December 2019	78	–

In 2019, the Bank co-founded three companies, which are the jointly controlled entities: BelVEB Capital LLC, BelVEB Service LLC, and BelVEB Consult LLC.

Movements in investments in associates were as follows:

	2020	2019
Balance, beginning of the period	265	4,029
Acquisition cost	–	–
Disposals	–	(69)
Reclassification	–	(39)
Share of (loss)/profit	(265)	(558)
Impairment (Note 27)	–	(3,098)
Investments in associates, end of the period	–	265

The impairment of investments in associates is related to a significant deterioration of the financial position and decrease in net assets of Sivelga CJSC.

Movements in investments in jointly controlled entities were as follows:

	2020	2019
Balance, beginning of the period	4,992	–
Acquisition cost	–	21
Additional contribution	–	4,900
Share of (loss)/profit	(2,446)	71
Investments in jointly controlled entities, end of the period	2,546	4,992

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12. Property and equipment

During 2020, movements in property and equipment were as follows:

	<i>Buildings</i>	<i>Furniture and fixtures</i>	<i>Computers and office equipment</i>	<i>Motor vehicles</i>	<i>Assets under construction</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost or revalued amount						
31 December 2019	25,065	38,047	44,452	3,490	1,767	112,821
Additions	2,406	5,546	2,845	678	170	11,645
Disposals	–	(7,834)	(2,794)	(133)	(608)	(11,369)
31 December 2020	27,471	35,759	44,503	4,035	1,329	113,097
Accumulated depreciation and impairment						
31 December 2019	(274)	(21,421)	(36,827)	(2,538)	–	(61,060)
Depreciation charge	(273)	(3,773)	(4,049)	(398)	–	(8,493)
Disposals	–	7,128	2,794	133	–	10,055
31 December 2020	(547)	(18,066)	(38,082)	(2,803)	–	(59,498)
Net book value						
31 December 2019	24,791	16,626	7,625	952	1,767	51,761
31 December 2020	26,924	17,693	6,421	1,232	1,329	53,599

During 2019, movements in property and equipment were as follows:

	<i>Buildings</i>	<i>Furniture and fixtures</i>	<i>Computers and office equipment</i>	<i>Motor vehicles</i>	<i>Assets under construction</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost or revalued amount						
31 December 2018	81,254	45,796	44,100	3,382	4,274	178,806
Additions	–	4,202	1,936	538	3,070	9,746
Disposals	(56,189)	(11,951)	(1,584)	(430)	(5,577)	(75,731)
31 December 2019	25,065	38,047	44,452	3,490	1,767	112,821
Accumulated depreciation and impairment						
31 December 2018	–	(23,934)	(32,244)	(2,245)	–	(58,423)
Depreciation charge	(976)	(4,156)	(5,893)	(665)	–	(11,690)
Disposals	702	6,669	1,310	372	–	9,053
31 December 2019	(274)	(21,421)	(36,827)	(2,538)	–	(61,060)
Net book value						
31 December 2018	81,254	21,862	11,856	1,137	4,274	120,383
31 December 2019	24,791	16,626	7,625	952	1,767	51,761

As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, the Bank decided against restating the value of buildings since according to the results of real estate market research, management did not identify significant differences between fair value and carrying amount of property and equipment.

In November-December 2019, as part of the property portfolio optimization, the Bank sold items of property and equipment and related property with a carrying amount of BYN 59,893 thousand. Part of the property with a carrying amount of BYN 45,182 thousand was sold on installment plans. Revenue from sale of property and equipment through payment in installments amounted to BYN 50,082 thousand.

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12. Property and equipment (continued)

Measured using the cost model, the carrying amounts would be as follows:

	2020	2019
Cost	26,319	23,932
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(11,935)	(11,445)
Net book value	14,384	12,487

13. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities

Movements in right-of-use assets were as follows:

	<i>Buildings</i>	<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Motor vehicles</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost				
1 January 2020	4,830	6	1,217	6,053
Additions	11,657	–	–	11,657
Disposals	(1,497)	(6)	–	(1,503)
Effect of revaluation	46	–	–	46
31 December 2020	15,036	–	1,217	16,253
Accumulated depreciation and impairment				
1 January 2020	(1,350)	(3)	(141)	(1,494)
Depreciation charge	(5,356)	–	(243)	(5,599)
Disposals	1,242	3	–	1,245
31 December 2020	(5,464)	–	(384)	(5,848)
Net book value				
1 January 2020	3,480	3	1,076	4,559
31 December 2020	9,572	–	833	10,405
	<i>Buildings</i>	<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Motor vehicles</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost				
1 January 2019	3,056	6	–	3,062
Additions	1,894	–	1,217	3,111
Disposals	(120)	–	–	(120)
31 December 2019	4,830	6	1,217	6,053
Accumulated depreciation and impairment				
1 January 2019	–	–	–	–
Depreciation charge	(1,402)	(3)	(141)	(1,546)
Disposals	52	–	–	52
31 December 2019	(1,350)	(3)	(141)	(1,494)
Net book value				
1 January 2019	3,056	6	–	3,062
31 December 2019	3,480	3	1,076	4,559

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13. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities (continued)

The carrying amounts of lease liabilities and respective movements during the period are as follows:

	2020	2019
1 January	4,195	3,062
Additions	11,705	3,111
Disposals	(1,504)	(84)
Interest accrued	187	111
Payments	(6,550)	(1,702)
Exchange difference	3,820	(303)
31 December	11,853	4,195

In 2020, total cash outflow on the Bank's leases amounted to BYN 8,054 thousand (2019: BYN 2,213 thousand). In 2020, the Bank also had non-cash additions to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities of BYN 11,705 thousand (2019: BYN 3,111 thousand).

14. Intangible assets

Movements in intangible assets were as follows:

	<i>Licenses</i>	<i>Computer software</i>	<i>Investments in intangible assets</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost				
31 December 2019	29,115	55,814	5,101	90,030
Additions	2,246	8,312	6,351	16,909
Disposals	(3,302)	(2,456)	–	(5,758)
Transfers between categories	141	3,914	(4,055)	–
31 December 2020	28,200	65,584	7,397	101,181
Accumulated amortization and impairment				
31 December 2019	(15,528)	(32,882)	–	(48,410)
Amortization charge	(3,456)	(10,191)	–	(13,647)
Disposals	960	436	–	1,396
31 December 2020	(18,024)	(42,637)	–	(60,661)
Net book value				
31 December 2019	13,587	22,932	5,101	41,620
31 December 2020	10,176	22,947	7,397	40,520
Cost				
31 December 2018	26,770	51,142	3,239	81,151
Additions	1,727	2,747	4,661	9,135
Disposals	(93)	(163)	–	(256)
Transfers between categories	711	2,088	(2,799)	–
31 December 2019	29,115	55,814	5,101	90,030
Accumulated amortization				
31 December 2018	(11,362)	(25,413)	–	(36,775)
Amortization charge	(4,254)	(7,518)	–	(11,772)
Disposals	88	49	–	137
31 December 2019	(15,528)	(32,882)	–	(48,410)
Net book value				
31 December 2018	15,408	25,729	3,239	44,376
31 December 2019	13,587	22,932	5,101	41,620

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15. Taxation

The income tax expense comprises:

	2020	2019
Current tax charge	3,100	3,631
Deferred tax charge/(credit) — origination and reversal of temporary differences	(1,386)	21,440
Income tax expense	1,714	25,071

The Bank accounts for taxes based on the tax accounting maintained in accordance with the Belarusian tax legislation. In 2020, income tax rate for Bank BelVEB OJSC and its subsidiary, BelVEB Insurance Unitary Insurance Enterprise, was 25% (2019: 25%). VEB Technologies LLC, DFS LLC and BelVEB IT LLC, the Bank's subsidiaries, are residents of the Hi-Tech Park and are entitled to the exemption from the income tax on principal activities. The entities apply a reduced rate of 9% for other non-operating and operating income.

The effective income tax rate differs from the statutory income tax rate. A reconciliation of the income tax expense based on the statutory rate with actual is as follows:

	2020	2019
Profit before tax	14,938	141,778
Statutory tax rate	25%	25%
Theoretical income tax expense at the statutory rate	3,735	35,445
Investment tax credits	(320)	–
Non-taxable income from securities	(10,221)	(14,497)
Non-taxable income	(1,196)	(1,106)
Effect of investment deduction	–	216
Non-deductible expenditures	5,790	5,850
Effect of statutory revaluation and impairment of property and equipment in compliance with legislation of the Republic of Belarus	–	(63)
Effect of elimination of unrealized gains on sale of assets to subsidiaries exempt from income tax	802	–
Tax effect of other permanent differences	3,124	(774)
Income tax expense	1,714	25,071

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15. Taxation (continued)

As at 31 December, deferred tax assets and liabilities and their movements for the respective years comprise:

	1 January 2019	Origination and reversal of temporary differences In the statement of profit or loss	31 December 2019	Origination and reversal of temporary differences In the statement of profit or loss	31 December 2020
Tax effect of deductible temporary differences					
Cash and cash equivalents	–	1	1	5	6
Investment securities	–	23	23	30	53
Property and equipment and intangible assets	73	(46)	27	4,356	4,383
Derivative financial instruments	–	486	486	(282)	204
Amounts due to customers	–	80	80	(30)	50
Amounts due to credit institutions	47	(47)	–	–	–
Amounts due from credit institutions	18	(14)	4	92	96
Other assets	253	134	387	265	652
Provisions for potential losses	–	–	–	77	77
Loans to customers	8,632	(8,632)	–	–	–
Deferred tax assets, gross	9,023	(8,015)	1,008	4,513	5,521
Tax effect of taxable temporary differences					
Provisions for potential losses	(1,351)	(1,740)	(3,091)	2,677	(414)
Amounts due to credit institutions	–	(802)	(802)	(365)	(1,167)
Amounts due from credit institutions	–	(718)	(718)	718	–
Loans to customers	–	(13,224)	(13,224)	(6,740)	(19,964)
Investments in associates and jointly controlled entities	–	(1,281)	(1,281)	739	(542)
Debt securities issued	–	(38)	(38)	(50)	(88)
Property and equipment and intangible assets	(884)	884	–	–	–
Other assets	(3,652)	3,494	(158)	(106)	(264)
Deferred tax liability	(5,887)	(13,425)	(19,312)	(3,127)	(22,439)
Deferred tax asset/(liability)	3,136	(21,440)	(18,304)	1,386	(16,918)

As at 31 December 2020, Bank BelVEB OJSC recognized a deferred tax liability in the amount of BYN 16,191 thousand. BelVEB Insurance UIE, the Bank's subsidiary, recognized a deferred tax liability in the amount of BYN 727 thousand.

As at 31 December 2019, Bank BelVEB OJSC recognized a deferred tax liability in the amount of BYN 16,807 thousand. BelVEB Insurance UIE, the Bank's subsidiary, recognized a deferred tax liability in the amount of BYN 1,497 thousand.

16. Credit loss expense and other impairment

The table below shows credit loss expense and other impairment recorded in the consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year ended 31 December 2020:

	Notes	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	Total
Amounts due from credit institutions	7	151	–	–	–	152
Loans to customers at amortized cost	9	15,591	22,741	35,954	9,766	84,052
Debt securities at FVOCI	10	2,548	–	–	–	2,548
Other financial assets	17	6	7	164	–	177
Financial guarantees	24	(110)	3,280	3,580	–	6,750
Undrawn loan commitments	24	681	2,808	42	–	3,531
Letters of credit	24	357	(1)	–	–	356
Total credit loss expense		19,224	28,835	39,740	9,766	97,565

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16. Credit loss expense and other impairment (continued)

The table below shows credit loss expense and other impairment recorded in the consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year ended 31 December 2019:

	Notes	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	Total
Amounts due from credit institutions	7	169	–	–	–	169
Loans to customers at amortized cost	9	2,378	(9,904)	(20,668)	27,423	(771)
Debt securities at FVOCI	10	(2,291)	–	–	–	(2,291)
Other financial assets	17	(4)	3	(443)	–	(444)
Financial guarantees	24	(120)	(2,435)	(302)	–	(2,857)
Undrawn loan commitments	24	(675)	4	(620)	–	(1,291)
Letters of credit	24	133	1	(3,630)	–	(3,496)
Total credit loss expense		(410)	(12,331)	(25,663)	27,423	(10,981)

Movements in allowances for impairment were as follows:

	Other non-financial assets	Total
31 December 2018	186	186
Charge/(reversal)	–	–
31 December 2019	186	186
Charge/(reversal)	–	–
31 December 2020	186	186

17. Other assets and liabilities

Other assets comprise:

	2020	2019
Other financial assets		
Accrued income	1,968	2,795
Other receivables	216	464
Less: allowance for impairment of other financial assets	(217)	(40)
Total other financial assets	1,967	3,219
Advances issued	13,070	10,217
Prepaid taxes other than income tax	4,378	2,533
Prepaid expenses	3,928	5,340
Reposessed collateral	1,415	1,066
Re-insurer's share in unearned insurance premium reserves	816	577
Government grants	720	2,149
Other non-financial assets	6,124	5,937
Less: allowance for impairment of other non-financial assets	(186)	(186)
Total other non-financial assets	30,265	27,633
Other assets	32,232	30,852

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17. Other assets and liabilities (continued)

Movements in allowances for ECL on other financial assets for the year ended 31 December 2020 were as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Allowance for ECL at 1 January 2020	–	3	37	40
New purchased or originated assets	6	10	155	171
Charge/(reversal) of allowance	–	(3)	9	6
31 December 2020	6	10	201	217

Movements in allowances for ECL on other financial assets for the year ended 31 December 2019 were as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Allowance for ECL at 1 January 2019	4	–	480	484
New purchased or originated assets	–	3	22	25
Reversal of allowance	(4)	–	(465)	(469)
31 December 2019	–	3	37	40

Other liabilities and provisions comprise:

	2020	2019
Other financial liabilities	15,735	22,429
Settlements with suppliers	11,204	9,217
Accrued expenses	3,946	5,843
Dividends payable	15	18
Amounts in settlements under confirmed letters of credit	–	7,351
Other financial liabilities	570	–
Other non-financial liabilities	42,221	33,489
Provisions for contingent liabilities	18,096	3,415
Insurance loss provision	12,362	7,515
Other deferred income	5,723	5,205
Settlements with employees	3,341	2,458
Taxes payable other than income tax	2,699	14,896
Other liabilities and provisions	57,956	55,918

18. Amounts due to credit institutions

Amounts due to credit institutions comprise:

	2020	2019
Time deposits and loans	1,295,524	1,231,960
Current accounts	105,254	53,512
Other accounts	7,520	7,903
Amounts due to credit institutions	1,408,298	1,293,375

As at 31 December 2020, time deposits and loans included cash received from the parent company in the amount of BYN 643,857 thousand, or 49.70% of time deposits and loans (2019: BYN 573,535 thousand, or 46.55% of time deposits and loans) for project financing in the Republic of Belarus.

As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, amounts due to credit institutions included into "Other accounts" are represented by guarantee deposits for transactions using the payment cards.

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19. Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus

Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus comprise:

	2020	2019
Other	26	21
Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	26	21

20. Amounts due to customers

Amounts due to customers include the following:

	2020	2019
Time deposits	1,893,342	1,767,475
Current accounts	706,956	773,525
Amounts due to customers	2,600,298	2,541,000
Held as collateral against letters of credit	–	–
Held as collateral against guarantees	479	2,666

As at 31 December 2020, amounts due to customers of BYN 431,377 thousand (17%) were due to the ten largest customers (2019: BYN 406,849 thousand (16%)).

Included in time deposits are deposits of individuals in the amount of BYN 808,345 thousand (2019: BYN 944,031 thousand).

As at 31 December 2020, the amounts due to customers included funds in precious metals on current accounts of individuals designated as at fair value through profit or loss totaling BYN 672 thousand (2019: BYN 28,141 thousand).

Amounts due to customers include accounts of the following types of customers:

	2020	2019
Private companies	1,251,363	1,039,996
Individuals, other than employees	1,013,384	1,185,705
State and budgetary organizations	322,415	293,324
Employees	13,136	21,975
Amounts due to customers	2,600,298	2,541,000

The category "State and budgetary organizations" includes only state and budgetary organizations of the Republic of Belarus. Foreign state enterprises are included in the "Private companies" category.

The analysis of customer accounts by economic sector is as follows:

	2020	2019
Individuals	1,026,520	1,207,680
Manufacturing	446,469	376,878
Trade	278,978	178,853
Agriculture and food processing	159,960	124,892
Finance	149,266	82,278
Real estate and construction	139,767	108,718
Science and education	63,829	85,102
Transport	53,176	98,980
Mining	27,647	27,310
Telecommunications	14,792	3,290
Regional authorities	11,232	8,604
Health care, physical training and sport	9,761	5,869
Logistics	8,330	15,046
Mass media	5,343	3,574
Water supply	9	199
Other	205,219	213,727
Amounts due to customers	2,600,298	2,541,000

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21. Debt securities issued

Debt securities issued are denominated in BYN and USD and comprise:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Domestic bonds issued	78,457	46,767
Debt securities issued	<u>78,457</u>	<u>46,767</u>

As at 31 December 2020, the Bank issued registered interest-bearing bonds with a total nominal value of BYN 77,785 thousand (2019: BYN 46,240 thousand) having the offer date in March 2021 for the amount of BYN 4,335 thousand, in December 2021 for the amount of BYN 48,950 thousand; and maturing in January 2024 for the amount of BYN 24,500 thousand. As at 31 December 2020, the nominal interest rate on domestic bonds is 6.125% p.a. and 7.875% p.a. for the sixth issue and the eighth issue of BYN-denominated bonds, respectively (2019: 7.0% p.a. and 9.0% p.a. for the sixth issue and the eighth issue of BYN-denominated bonds, respectively), and 3.2% p.a. for the seventh issue of USD-denominated bonds.

22. Subordinated debt

Subordinated debt comprises:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Subordinated loans received from State Development Corporation VEB.RF	257,467	212,600
Subordinated loans	<u>257,467</u>	<u>212,600</u>

Subordinated loans comprise USD-denominated loans from the parent company maturing in 2021-2024.

23. Equity

Movements in shares issued, fully paid and outstanding were as follows:

	<i>Number of shares (all ordinary)</i>	<i>Nominal value (all ordinary)</i>	<i>Inflation adjustment</i>	<i>Total</i>
1 January 2019	11,740,750,000	117,408	355,649	473,057
31 December 2019	11,740,750,000	117,408	355,649	473,057
31 December 2020	11,740,750,000	117,408	355,649	473,057

The share capital of Bank BelVEB OJSC was contributed by the shareholders in Belarusian rubles and they are entitled to dividends and any capital distribution in Belarusian rubles. All shares are ordinary with the nominal value of BYN 0.01. At the Shareholders' Meetings held in March 2020 and March 2019, Bank BelVEB OJSC did not declare dividends in respect of the reporting years ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018, respectively. In accordance with the Belarusian legislation, dividends may only be declared to the shareholders of the Bank from accumulated undistributed and unreserved earnings as shown in financial statements of the Bank prepared in accordance with Belarusian rules for maintaining accounting records. The Bank had BYN 406,278 thousand of undistributed and unreserved earnings as at 31 December 2020 (2019: BYN 375,352 thousand).

Nature and purpose of other reserves

The revaluation reserve for buildings is used to record increases in the fair value of buildings and decreases to the extent that such decrease relates to an increase on the same asset previously recognized in equity.

The revaluation reserve for securities records changes in the fair value of and allowance for financial assets at FVOCI.

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23. Equity (continued)**Nature and purpose of other reserves (continued)**

Movements in other reserves were as follows:

	<i>Revaluation reserve for buildings</i>	<i>Revaluation reserve for securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
1 January 2019	12,746	10,926	23,672
Revaluation of buildings	–	–	–
Tax effect of revaluation of buildings	–	–	–
Amortization of revaluation reserve	(198)	–	(198)
Amortization of income tax	9	–	9
Decrease of revaluation reserve and tax effect of revaluation of buildings due to disposal of a subsidiary	(10,055)	–	(10,055)
Net change in the fair value of debt instruments at FVOCI	–	6,982	6,982
Change in the allowance for ECL on debt instruments at FVOCI	–	(2,291)	(2,291)
31 December 2019	2,502	15,617	18,119
1 January 2020	2,502	15,617	18,119
Revaluation of buildings	–	–	–
Tax effect of revaluation of buildings	–	–	–
Amortization of revaluation reserve	(26)	–	(26)
Amortization of income tax	3	–	3
Net change in the fair value of debt instruments at FVOCI	–	(21,409)	(21,409)
Change in the allowance for ECL on debt instruments at FVOCI	–	3,060	3,060
31 December 2020	2,479	(2,732)	(253)

24. Commitments and contingencies**Operating environment**

As an emerging market, the Republic of Belarus does not possess a well-developed business and regulatory infrastructure that would generally exist in more mature market economies. Belarusian economy continues to display characteristics typical of an economy in transition. These characteristics include low levels of liquidity in the capital markets, relatively high inflation and the existence of currency controls, which cause the national currency to be illiquid outside of Belarus. The stability of the Belarusian economy is largely dependent upon the progress of reforms and the effectiveness of economic, financial and monetary measures undertaken by the government.

In 2020, Belarus experienced an economic downturn caused by the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and political instability in the second half of the year. In 2020, GDP dropped by 0.9% year-on-year. At the end of the year, the state budget was implemented with a deficit for the first time in 7 years (BYN 1.9 billion or more than 1% of GDP). During 2020, the Republic of Belarus continued to increase its government debt. As at 1 January 2021, the government debt amounted to BYN 57.8 billion that is BYN 13 billion more than at the beginning of the year. As at 1 January 2021, external government debt amounted to USD 18.6 billion, showing a year-on-year increase by USD 1.4 billion, or 8.4% (taking into account translation differences).

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24. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

Operating environment (continued)

The National Bank and the Government of the Republic of Belarus was focused on the stabilization of the financial market. Before 1 July 2020, the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus lowered key interest rates. The refinancing rate decreased from 9% to 7.75%, the rates applicable to permanently available and bilateral transactions performed to maintain current bank liquidity decreased from 10% to 8.75%; the rate on overnight deposits decreased from 8% to 6.75%.

In the face of economic shocks, the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus followed a tight monetary policy to keep the low inflation level which amounted to 7.47% in December 2020 (4.7% in December 2019). In August 2020, the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus adopted the decision to suspend the permanently available transactions performed to maintain and withdraw liquidity, which was extended till 13 October 2020 and 19 January 2021. In January 2021, this decision was extended till 18 May 2021. The banks' liquidity was maintained through credit auctions.

In 2020, gold and foreign currency reserves of the Republic of Belarus decreased by USD 1.9 billion, or 20.5% (2019: increased by USD 2.2 billion, or 31.2%) and at 1 January 2021 amounted to USD 7,468.5 million. In 2020, the BYN value to the foreign currency basket decreased by 14.18% (2019: decreased by 2.74%) as follows: the EUR/BYN exchange rate increased by 34.67% (2019: 4.89%), the USD/BYN exchange rate increased by 22.59% (2019: 2.6%), the RUB/BYN exchange rate increased by 2.44% (2019: decreased by 9.36%).

In September 2020, S&P Global Ratings agency changed the country outlook to negative and confirmed the credit rating at B grade.

Unlike other countries, the Government of the Republic of Belarus did not introduce the formal isolation measures after the COVID-19 outbreak, although the citizens were asked to minimize their social contacts. In November 2020, the mandatory use of masks in public places was introduced. The daily number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 was growing in the second half of the year, however, by the end of the year the figures became stable.

Legal

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

Taxation

Belarusian legislation and regulations regarding taxation and other operational matters, including currency exchange control and customs regulations, continue to evolve. Legislation and regulations are subject to varying interpretations by local, regional and national authorities, and other governmental bodies. Instances of inconsistent interpretations are usual. At the same time, there is a risk that transactions and interpretations that have not been challenged in the past may be challenged by the authorities in the future. Fiscal periods remain open to review for a period of five calendar years immediately preceding the year of review, and the expired period of the current calendar year. Under certain circumstances, reviews may cover longer periods. As a result, additional taxes, penalties and interest may be assessed by the supervisory authorities. The Belarusian tax legislation ensures control over transfer pricing and sets out requirements to transfer pricing reporting. Tax authorities may assess additional income tax liabilities in respect of all controlled transactions if they believe that prices applied in such transactions differ from market prices. Due to the uncertainty and absence of current practice of application of the current transfer pricing legislation in the Republic of Belarus, it is impossible to rule out that the tax authorities will challenge the level of prices applied under controlled transactions and assess additional income tax liabilities unless the Bank is able to prove the arm's length nature of prices used in controlled transactions and submits the respective documentary evidence to the tax authorities. However, it is impossible to determine the amount of potential claims from the tax authorities in connection with transfer pricing.

It is not practical to determine the amount of unasserted claims, if any, that may arise or the likelihood of any unfavorable outcome.

Taxes are accrued and settled in accordance with the tax legislation of the Republic of Belarus. As at 31 December 2020, management believes that its interpretation of the relevant legislation is appropriate and that the Bank's tax, currency and customs positions will be sustained.

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24. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

Commitments and contingencies

As at 31 December, the Bank's commitments and contingencies comprised:

	2020	2019
Credit related commitments		
Undrawn loan commitments	220,673	72,372
Guarantees	403,714	340,919
Letters of credit	176,203	75,215
Commitments and contingencies (before deducting collateral)	800,590	488,506
Less: cash held as security against letters of credit and guarantees	(479)	(2,666)
Commitments and contingencies	800,111	485,840

Movements in provisions for ECL for the year ended 31 December 2020 were as follows:

Undrawn loan commitments	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Provision for ECL at 1 January 2020	70	10	11	91
New exposures	851	3,628	34	4,513
Expired exposures	(35)	(8)	(9)	(52)
Transfers to Stage 1	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	–	–	–
Charge of provision	(135)	(812)	17	(930)
Exchange differences	216	811	15	1,042
31 December 2020	967	3,629	68	4,664

Letters of credit	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Provision for ECL at 1 January 2020	343	1	–	344
New exposures	887	–	–	887
Expired exposures	(299)	(1)	–	(300)
Transfers to Stage 1	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	–	–	–
Charge of provision	(231)	–	–	(231)
Exchange differences	202	–	–	202
31 December 2020	902	–	–	902

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24. Commitments and contingencies (continued)**Commitments and contingencies (continued)**

<i>Financial guarantees</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Provision for ECL at 1 January 2020	1,841	622	519	2,982
New exposures	1,583	4,670	–	6,253
Expired exposures	(90)	(616)	–	(706)
Transfers to Stage 1	540	(51)	(489)	–
Transfers to Stage 2	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	(5,084)	5,084	–
Reversal of provision	(2,143)	4,361	(1,015)	1,203
Exchange differences	498	1,124	1,176	2,798
31 December 2020	2,229	5,026	5,275	12,530

Movements in provisions for ECL for the year ended 31 December 2019 were as follows:

<i>Undrawn loan commitments</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Provision for ECL at 1 January 2019	741	5	630	1,376
New exposures	43	1	3	47
Expired exposures	(410)	(3)	(432)	(845)
Transfers to Stage 1	197	(1)	(196)	–
Transfers to Stage 2	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	–	–	–
Reversal of provision	(505)	7	5	(493)
Exchange differences	4	1	1	6
31 December 2019	70	10	11	91

<i>Letters of credit</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Provision for ECL at 1 January 2019	190	–	3,630	3,820
New exposures	329	–	–	329
Expired exposures	(119)	–	(3,630)	(3,749)
Transfers to Stage 1	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	–	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	–	–	–
Reversal of provision	(77)	1	–	(76)
Exchange differences	20	–	–	20
31 December 2019	343	1	–	344

<i>Financial guarantees</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Provision for ECL at 1 January 2019	1,854	3,022	792	5,668
New exposures	1,472	–	–	1,472
Expired exposures	(1,318)	(15)	(68)	(1,401)
Transfers to Stage 1	1,973	(1,874)	(99)	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(40)	40	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	–	–	–
Reversal of provision	(2,207)	(586)	(135)	(2,928)
Exchange differences	105	36	30	171
31 December 2019	1,839	623	520	2,982

Many of the above credit related commitments may be terminated without being performed partially or in full. Therefore, the above credit-related commitments do not represent an expected cash outflow. Majority of loan and credit line commitments are not absolute covenants of the Bank.

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As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, Bank BelVEB OJSC had no capital expenditure commitments.

25. Net fee and commission income

Net fee and commission income comprises:

	2020	2019
Settlement transactions	83,229	80,295
Guarantees and letters of credit	19,258	16,189
Operations with securities	160	86
Other	6,275	4,210
Fee and commission income	108,922	100,780
Settlement transactions	(28,851)	(28,172)
Guarantees and letters of credit	(3,972)	(2,916)
Operations with securities	(141)	(65)
Other	(10,353)	(6,572)
Fee and commission expense	(43,317)	(37,725)
Net fee and commission income	65,605	63,055

Revenue from contracts with customers

The Bank's revenue from contracts with customers is mainly presented by fee and commission income. Revenue from contracts with customers recorded in the consolidated statement of profit or loss for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 was as follows:

	2020	2019
Fee and commission income	108,922	100,780
Total revenues from contracts with customers	108,922	100,780

The Bank recognized the following contractual liability related to contracts with buyers/customers in the consolidated statement of financial position:

	2020	2019
Deferred income (presented within other liabilities)	3,597	4,496

26. Other income

	2020	2019
Collection of debts previously written off	23,502	57,838
Insurance income	8,958	4,371
Income of subsidiaries from sales of goods / provision of services	5,980	6,711
Penalties received	1,501	1,439
Dividends	448	79
Other	2,566	385
Total other income	42,955	70,823

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27. Personnel and other operating expenses

Personnel expenses, other employee benefits and other operating expenses comprise:

	2020	2019
Salaries and bonuses	55,437	58,166
Social security costs	12,987	14,821
Provision for future payments	98	98
Personnel expenses	68,522	73,085
Data processing	18,332	17,711
Expenses related to outsourced services (process support)	9,763	1,256
Maintenance of property and equipment	8,628	6,164
Office supplies, maintenance and rent	6,994	3,570
Contributions to the Agency of Deposits Compensation	6,907	7,375
Insurance	5,149	5,466
Telecommunication services	2,185	1,510
Loss from disposal of property and equipment, intangible assets and other assets	1,857	3,623
Entertainment	1,782	3,408
Consultancy and information costs	1,756	1,571
Professional services	1,596	3,396
Transportation of cash	1,231	1,370
Security	663	1,392
Transportation expenses	609	731
Charity	572	297
Expenses related to material assistance payments to retired employees	570	1,363
Contributions to trade union	380	1,470
Expenses on pension insurance	204	509
Expenses on disposal of non-current assets held for sale	–	23
Loss from impairment of investments in an associate	–	3,098
Other	6,933	5,516
Other operating expenses	76,111	70,819

The Bank outsourced certain business processes / stages of business processes: BelVEB Service LLC is engaged in supporting certain business processes, Industriya Innovatsii LLC is engaged in collecting overdue debt, and BelVEB Capital LLC is engaged in the real estate maintenance.

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the Bank recognized expenses related to short-term leases in the amount of BYN 88 thousand and expenses related to leases of low-value assets in the amount of BYN 3,112 thousand (2019: expenses related to short-term leases in the amount of BYN 294 thousand and expenses related to leases of low-value assets in the amount of BYN 428 thousand).

28. Risk management**Introduction**

Risk is inherent in the Bank's activities but it is managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring, subject to risk limits and other controls. This process of risk management is critical to the Bank's continuing activity and each individual within the Bank is accountable for the risk exposures relating to his or her responsibilities. The Bank is exposed to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk, the latter being subdivided into trading and non-trading risks. The Bank is also subject to operating risks and other non-financial risks (reputation and strategic risks).

Risk management structure*Supervisory Board*

The Supervisory Board of Bank BelVEB OJSC ensures the risk management system organization, controls the overall level of risk and the state of risk management system of the Bank, approves the limits system, states risk tolerance, risk-appetite, makes other decisions concerning risk management covering its terms of reference.

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28. Risk management (continued)

Introduction (continued)

Risk Committee of the Supervisory Board

The Risk Committee of the Supervisory Board of Bank BelVEB OJSC provides the qualitative preparation of Supervisory Board decisions under the issues of organization and improvement of risk management system, submits the report to the Supervisory Board about risk management system position and the level of risk of the Bank together with recommendation under the management of the risk at least once a year.

Strategic Planning Committee of the Supervisory Board

The Committee is primarily responsible for providing recommendations to the Supervisory Board for determining the strategic goals of the Bank, as well as its key objectives and priority areas.

Management Board

The Management Board is responsible for organizing the risk management framework and ensuring the Bank's compliance with relevant objectives and goals set by the Supervisory Board of Bank BelVEB OJSC.

Risk Management Officer

Risk management officer is responsible for the risk management system, timely identification, assessment and measures to limit the risks, controlling the risks level and the key risk indicators of the Bank.

Financial Committee

The Financial Committee of the Bank develops and implements the current and long-term asset and liability management policies, including an interest rates policy, a tariff policy, a liquidity risk and liquidity management policy. It manages portfolio interest rate and market risks to ensure operational efficiency. The Committee manages equity and maintains capital adequacy to cover risks.

Large Credit Committee

The Large Credit Committee of Bank BelVEB OJSC provides effective and immediate activities to negotiate credit policy of the Bank, makes decisions within its competence on carrying out active operations.

Small Credit Committee

The Small Credit Committee of Bank BelVEB OJSC makes decisions within its competence on carrying out active operations.

Distressed Assets Committee

The Committee's aim is to ensure efficient management of doubtful and potentially doubtful debt of the Bank.

Operational Risk Committee

The Committee coordinates operational risk management to ensure the Bank's financial stability.

Risk Management Department

The Risk Management Department is responsible for independent assessment of banking risks together with methodological and analytical support of risk management process.

Underwriting Department

The Underwriting Department performs an independent assessment of applications for lending transactions with corporate customers and individuals for possible risks.

Treasury

Bank Treasury takes part in processes of managing liquidity risk, interest rates risk of the bank portfolio and currency risk.

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28. Risk management (continued)

Introduction (continued)

Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board

The Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board of Bank BelVEB OJSC performs the overall management of internal control system, the Internal Audit Department of the Bank BelVEB OJSC.

Internal Audit Department

The Internal Audit Department assesses the effectiveness of the risk management system, including the verification of the completeness and correctness of the application of the banking risks methods and the process of the Bank risk management, proposes variants of increasing the effectiveness of the Bank risk management during the audit. The Internal Audit Department informs the Risk Committee of the Supervisory Board and the Risk Management Department about the audit results of the effectiveness of the risk management system.

Risk assessment and reporting systems

The risk assessment is performed by the Bank for each major type of risk.

Together with the standard evaluation methods regarding the determination of regulatory capital adequacy set by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus and applied to credit, market, operational and liquidity risks, the Bank also uses the following methods of assessment:

- ▶ value-at-Risk (VaR) (currency risk)
- ▶ approach based on the internal credit ratings of the borrower, scoring (credit risk)
- ▶ gap analysis, duration (interest rate risk of the bank portfolio)
- ▶ gap analysis, ratio analysis, the method of analysis of expected cash (payment) flows (liquidity risk)
- ▶ analysis of operational risk implementation facts per risk objects and expert assessment (operational risk).

Risk calculation methods based on key risk indicators that have been developed for significant types of risks (operational, strategic, currency, interest rate, commodity, liquidity and reputational risks).

The Bank performs stress-testing procedures of banking risks, which allow estimating the potential impact of number of shocks, i.e. changes in risk factors representing exceptional but probable events on the Bank's financial performance. Valuation techniques for every type of risks, including their composition and sources used in assessment for each of them, as well as stress-testing methodology, are specified in local normative documents of the Bank relating to management of different risk types. Monitoring and controlling risks is primarily based on the limits established by the Bank. These limits reflect the business strategy and market environment of the Bank as well as the level of risk that the Bank is willing to accept. In addition the Bank monitors and estimates the overall risk bearing capacity in relation to the aggregate risk exposure across the basic risk types.

Information compiled from all the businesses is examined and processed in order to analyze, control and early identify risks. This information is presented to the Management Board, the Supervisory Board, appropriate committees and to the heads of the departments according to the period defined by the separate local normative documents.

For all levels throughout the Bank, specifically tailored risk reports are prepared and distributed in order to ensure that the Bank's departments have an access to extensive, necessary and up-to-date information.

In the reporting period, the Bank changed approaches to the preparation of management reports (focus on decision-making, use of graphic visualization, mainly in the form of presentations).

Risk mitigation

As part of its overall risk management, the Bank uses derivatives and other instruments to manage exposures resulting from changes in interest rates, foreign currencies, equity risks, credit risks, and exposures arising from forecast transactions.

The Bank actively uses collateral to reduce its credit risks.

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28. Risk management (continued)

Introduction (continued)

Excessive risk concentration

Concentrations arise when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographic region, or have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions. Concentrations indicate the relative sensitivity of the Bank's performance to condition changes affecting a particular industry or geographical location. In order to avoid excessive concentrations of risks, the Bank's policies and procedures include specific guidelines to focus on maintaining a diversified portfolio.

Identified concentrations of credit risks are controlled and managed accordingly.

The Bank is subject to a credit risk, it means a risk of loss, failure to obtain the planned revenues because its customers, clients or counterparties failed to discharge their financial and other property obligations stated in contracts or by the legislation of the Republic of Belarus.

Credit risk is the most significant type of the risk for the Bank. Its management, as well as monitoring the quality of loan portfolio is given a special attention.

Credit risk

The Bank manages credit risk by:

- ▶ diversification of duties and responsibilities between representatives and executives bodies, committees, officials and Bank's departments in sphere of the credit risk management
- ▶ set-up of adequate and appropriate to interests of the Bank system of lending to legal entities and individual entrepreneurs, individuals, the limits setting system for transactions subject to credit risk
- ▶ establishment the unified methodology of credit risk identification and assessment
- ▶ realization of the interest rates policy, that allows to cover a loss and Bank's debt capital cost
- ▶ implementation of qualitative and timely analysis of the state and dynamics loan portfolio, secure functioning thresholds, which characterize the level of credit risk
- ▶ the implementation of stress-testing and identification the factors which influence the changes of credit risk level
- ▶ formation of fulfillment of obligations during the active operations
- ▶ creation of the regular and timely system of providing with the information about the level of credit risk to the Superior Credit Committee, the Management Board and the Supervisory Board.

The Bank has established the system of internal ratings of corporate clients, which provides a differentiated assessment of the probability of the debtor's default based on the analysis of qualitative and quantitative credit risk factors, their impact on the debtor's ability to maintain and repay the liabilities.

Decisions on separate standard products for individuals are made based on the scoring model of individual solvency assessment developed in the Bank.

To improve quality of the new credit products the Bank working further on the ratings and scoring models. For the purpose of improvement of the reliability and efficiency of the process of credit risk assessment the methods of calculation and assignment of the internal ratings for the legal entities has been developed by the Bank. The scoring card has been amended based on statistical analysis of the issued loans in order to improve the classifying ability and the efficiency of the scoring model.

The Bank controls credit risk by setting limits per borrower or group of related borrowers, concentration limits for the 20 largest corporate customers, for industries and others.

Concentration of credit risk limits are approved by the credit policy of the Bank and undergo regular review (at least once a year). Monitoring of these limits is made on a monthly basis as part of the preparation of management reports on the quality of the Bank's loan portfolio.

Covering accepted credit risk is carried out by formation of special allowances. The risk assessment is carried out by the Bank individually for each borrower on the basis of criteria of debtor's ability to meet its obligations, the quality and adequacy of submitted collateral and duration of overdue debt. The Underwriting Department controls the completeness and accuracy of judgment for the classification (reclassification) of assets and contingencies of the corporate clients by their risk groups.

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28. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

For contingencies the Bank uses the same credit policy as it does for on-balance financial instruments, which is based on transaction approving procedures, procedures of using restricting risk limits, and monitoring procedures.

Credit-related commitments risks

The Bank makes available to its customers guarantees which may require that the Bank make payments on their behalf. Such payments are collected from customers based on the terms of the concluded agreements. They expose the Bank to similar risks to loans and these are mitigated by the same control procedures and the risk control policy.

The carrying amount of the consolidated statement of financial position, including derivative financial instruments, excluding the effect of risk mitigation through the use of master netting and collateral agreements, most accurately reflects the maximum credit risk exposure for these lines. If the financial instruments are recorded at fair value, the carrying amount represents the current credit risk exposure but not the maximum risk exposure that could arise in the future as a result of changes in values.

More detailed information on the maximum exposure to credit risk for each class of financial instruments are provided in the specific notes.

Impairment assessment

In accordance with IFRS 9 the Bank applies the expected credit losses model to provide for financial instruments. The core principle of the model is timely recognition of deterioration or improvement of the credit quality of financial instruments taking into account current information and forecasts. The amount of expected credit losses recorded as an allowance for impairment is based on the degree of deterioration in the credit quality of the financial instrument after its initial recognition.

As part of an overall approach, the allowance for impairment is accrued based on the following:

- ▶ Expected credit losses during the year – for financial instruments, for which there are no factors indicating a significant deterioration in the credit quality after the initial recognition and no impairment indicators
- ▶ Expected credit losses during the lifetime of a financial instrument – for financial instruments, for which factors indicating a significant increase in credit risk or impairment indicators were identified.

The key elements of the expected credit losses (ECL) model in accordance with IFRS 9 are as follows:

Probability of default (PD)	The <i>probability of default</i> is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon. A default may only happen at a certain time over the assessed period, if the asset has not been previously derecognized and is still in the portfolio.
Exposure at default (EAD)	The <i>exposure at default</i> is an estimate of the exposure at a future default date, taking into account expected changes in the exposure after the reporting date, including repayments of principal and interest, whether scheduled by contract or otherwise, expected drawdowns on committed facilities, and accrued interest from missed payments.
Loss given default (LGD)	The <i>loss given default</i> is an estimate of the loss arising in the case where a default occurs at a given time. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, including from the realization of any collateral. It is usually expressed as a percentage of the EAD.

The ECL allowance is based on the credit losses expected to arise over the life of the asset (the lifetime expected credit loss or LTECL), unless there has been no significant increase in credit risk since the initial recognition, otherwise the allowance is based on the amount equal to 12-month expected credit loss (12mECL). The 12mECL is the portion of LTECL that represent the ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. Both LTECL and 12mECL are calculated on either a collective basis (for financial instruments, for which no impairment indicators have been identified (Stage 1 and Stage 2) and for financial instruments related to retail business), or on an individual basis (for financial instruments, for which impairment indicators have been identified (Stage 3)).

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28. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

The Bank has established a policy to perform an assessment, at the end of each reporting period, of whether a financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, by considering the changes in the risk of default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument. Based on the above process, the Bank groups its loans as follows:

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| Stage 1: | When a financial instrument is first recognized, the Bank recognizes an allowance based on 12mECL. Stage 1 also includes financial instruments, for which there are no factors indicating an increase in credit risk and no impairment indicators, and financial instruments, for which credit quality has improved (recovery condition has been met) to reach the level of Stage 1 financial instruments, if factors indicating a significant increase in credit risk (Stage 2) were identified at prior reporting dates. |
| Stage 2: | If there has been a significant increase in credit risk for the loan since its initial recognition, the Bank recognizes an estimated allowance in the amount equal to LTECL. Stage 2 also includes financial instruments, for which credit quality has improved to reach the level of Stage 2 financial instruments, if impairment indicators were identified at prior reporting dates (Stage 3). |
| Stage 3: | Loans considered credit-impaired. The Bank records an allowance for the LTECL. |
| POCI: | Purchased or originated credit impaired (POCI) assets are financial assets that are credit impaired on initial recognition. POCI assets are recorded at fair value at original recognition and interest revenue is subsequently recognized based on a credit-adjusted EIR. The allowance for ECL is only recognized or derecognized to the extent that there is a subsequent change in the lifetime expected credit losses. |

Internal rating and PD estimation process

The internal rating models are developed and applied by the Bank's Risk Management Department. The rating model represents a set of rules for customer sampling, obtaining quantitative and qualitative indicators, indicator intervals and points assigned within an interval, weight coefficients for quantitative and qualitative indicators and for total quantitative and qualitative assessments, logistic function coefficients and rating scale.

The rating scale comprises ten rating categories. The first category corresponds to the lowest risk level and the tenth category corresponds to the highest risk level (default). The rating category is determined based on the interval where the customer's PD is located between upper and lower values of the PD range. The tenth category (default) is assigned in case of customer default and based on the results of rating calculation.

The rating model parameters (qualitative and quantitative indicators used to calculate the final rating point, their intervals, assigned points, weight coefficients, logistic function coefficients by group of customers), the indicator that shows whether the government is ready to support the client, and the levels of increase or decrease in customer's rating in case of alerts that indicate deterioration in customer's financial position and that can be used to forecast default or a significant increase in the probability of default, are approved by the Management Board of the Bank based on suggestions of the Risk Management Department and represent restricted information.

Definition of default and recovery of credit quality

The Bank considers a financial instrument defaulted and therefore Stage 3 (credit-impaired assets) for ECL calculations in all cases when the borrower becomes more than 90 days past due on its contractual payments. The Bank considers amounts due from banks defaulted and takes immediate action when the required intraday payments are not settled by the close of business as outlined in the individual agreements.

As a part of a qualitative assessment of whether a customer is in default, the Bank also considers a variety of instances that may indicate unlikelihood to pay. When such events occur, the Bank carefully considers whether the event should result in treating the customer as defaulted and therefore assessed as Stage 3 for ECL calculations. Such events include the following:

- ▶ The procedure for default restructuring was initiated and/or implemented
- ▶ The borrower (individual) is deceased
- ▶ The borrower's property is taken to the balance sheet of the Bank to pay off the debt (including a portion of the debt)
- ▶ Negative information exists regarding the borrower's ability to fulfill its obligations to the Bank
- ▶ Internal rating of the borrower indicates default or near-default.

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28. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

In accordance with the Bank's policy and provided that recovery conditions are met, when at least three consecutive payments are made to the Bank to repay the debt in full and in a timely manner continuously in accordance with the contractual terms during at least 12 months when there were no factors indicating a significant increase in credit risk (for the recovery from Stage 2 to Stage 1) or no impairment indicators (for the recovery from Stage 3 to Stage 2), financial instruments can be included in Stage 2 or Stage 1, respectively.

Exposure at default

The exposure at default (EAD) represents the gross carrying amount of the financial instruments subject to the impairment calculation, addressing both the customer's ability to increase its exposure while approaching default and potential early repayments too. To calculate the EAD for a Stage 1 loan, the Bank assesses the possible default events within 12 months for the calculation of the 12mECL. For Stage 2, Stage 3 and POCI financial assets, the exposure at default is considered for events over the lifetime of the instruments.

Loss given default

The credit risk assessment is based on a standardized LGD assessment framework that results in a certain LGD rate. There is a standard LGD indicator for each quality category of security and internal rating of the counterparty. A 100% LGD is used for financial institutions.

Significant increase in credit risk

The Bank continuously monitors all assets subject to ECLs. In order to determine whether an instrument or a portfolio of instruments is subject to 12mECL or LTECL, the Bank assesses whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. The Bank considers that there has been a significant increase in credit risk for the financial instrument since its initial recognition, when there is an actual and/or expected decrease in internal rating to 7 and lower for the clients having the internal ratings of 1-5, to 8 and lower for the clients having the internal rating of 6, or a decrease by one or more categories for the clients having the internal ratings 7-9.

The Bank also applies a secondary qualitative method for triggering a significant increase in credit risk for an asset, such as moving a customer/facility to the watch list, or the account becoming restructured due to credit event. Regardless of the change in credit grades, if contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, the credit risk is deemed to have increased significantly since initial recognition.

The class of assets that is used to calculate ECL on an individual basis includes all Stage 3 assets and POCI assets.

Forward-looking information and multiple economic scenarios

In its ECL models, the Bank relies on a broad range of forward-looking information as economic inputs, such as:

- ▶ Real GDP growth rate for 12 months, %
- ▶ BYN/USD exchange rate
- ▶ Average interest rate on loans, %
- ▶ Increase in CPI for 12 months, %

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28. Risk management (continued)**Credit risk (continued)**

The Bank uses the forward-looking information from third party sources (external rating agencies, governmental bodies, central banks, and international financial institutions) and makes a short-term macroeconomic forecast. The results of the macroeconomic forecast are used in the ECL model. Weight coefficients attributable to multiple scenarios are determined using an expert judgment. The tables show the values of the key forward looking economic variables/assumptions used in each of the economic scenarios for the ECL calculations.

Key drivers	ECL scenario	Assigned probability, %	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021
Real GDP growth rate for 12 months, %	Base case	0.6	99.3	99.6	99.8	100.0
Average interest rate on loans, %			11.1	11.0	11.0	11.0
Increase in CPI for 12 months, %			7.7	7.0	6.3	5.5
BYN/USD exchange rate			2.62	2.67	2.72	2.78
Real GDP growth rate for 12 months, %	Stressed	0.3	99.0	98.0	97.0	96.0
Average interest rate on loans, %			11.5	13.0	14.5	16.0
Increase in CPI for 12 months, %			8.0	9.4	10.7	11.6
BYN/USD exchange rate			2.71	2.93	3.11	3.20
Real GDP growth rate for 12 months, %	Upside	0.1	99.7	100.4	101.1	101.5
Average interest rate on loans, %			10.9	10.6	10.3	10.0
Increase in CPI for 12 months, %			7.5	7.1	6.8	6.5
BYN/USD exchange rate			2.69	2.73	2.79	2.85

Credit quality per class of financial assets

The credit quality of financial assets is managed by the Bank using internal credit ratings. The grade is assigned based on the probability of default.

The Bank uses the following quality categories for financial assets.

Minimal estimated PD	Maximum estimated PD	Quality scale
0.00%	2.00%	High grade
2.00%	12.50%	Standard grade
12.50%	33.00%	Substandard grade
33.00%	100.00%	Low grade

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28. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

The table below shows the credit quality by class of assets for loan-related lines in the consolidated statement of financial position, based on the Bank's credit grading system. The gross carrying amount was calculated in accordance with IFRS 9 at 31 December 2020 based on the Bank's credit grading system.

	Note	Stage	High grade	Standard grade	Substandard grade	Low grade	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	6	Stage 1	755,463	–	–	–	755,463
Amounts due from credit institutions	7	Stage 1	54,392	–	–	–	54,392
		Stage 2	–	–	–	–	–
		Stage 3	–	–	–	–	–
Total amounts due from credit institutions at amortized cost			54,392	–	–	–	54,392
Investment securities	10	Stage 1	–	518,687	–	–	518,687
Debt securities at FVOCI		Stage 2	–	–	–	–	–
		Stage 3	–	–	–	–	–
Total investment securities			–	518,687	–	–	518,687
Loans to customers at amortized cost	9						
Corporate lending		Stage 1	659,937	923,404	818	–	1,584,159
		Stage 2	2,685	716,591	13,219	–	732,495
		Stage 3	–	–	38,684	148,651	187,335
		POCI	–	–	–	28,975	28,975
Small and medium business lending		Stage 1	274,431	377,593	30,058	–	682,082
		Stage 2	837	14,701	142	–	15,680
		Stage 3	440	15,859	66,822	6,924	90,045
		POCI	–	–	–	2,505	2,505
Consumer lending		Stage 1	263,302	–	–	3,489	266,791
		Stage 2	2,141	–	–	5,593	7,734
		Stage 3	–	–	–	13,272	13,272
		POCI	–	–	–	–	–
Residential mortgages		Stage 1	115,268	–	–	80	115,348
		Stage 2	229	–	–	311	540
		Stage 3	1	–	–	21	22
		POCI	–	–	–	–	–
Total loans to customers at amortized cost			1,319,271	2,048,148	149,743	209,821	3,726,983
Credit related commitments and contingencies	24						
Undrawn loan commitments		Stage 1	109,885	103,950	–	–	213,835
		Stage 2	4	9	6,710	–	6,723
		Stage 3	46	15	–	54	115
Letters of credit		Stage 1	111,084	65,119	–	–	176,203
		Stage 2	–	–	–	–	–
		Stage 3	–	–	–	–	–
Guarantees		Stage 1	159,703	93,186	20,988	407	274,284
		Stage 2	–	1,345	14,871	–	16,216
		Stage 3	–	–	–	113,214	113,214
Total credit related commitments and contingencies			380,722	263,624	42,569	113,675	800,590

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28. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

The table below shows the credit quality by class of assets for loan-related lines in the consolidated statement of financial position, based on the Bank's credit grading system. The gross carrying amount was calculated in accordance with IFRS 9 at 31 December 2019 based on the Bank's credit grading system.

	Note	Stage	High grade	Standard grade	Substandard grade	Low grade	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	7	Stage 1	761,998	–	–	–	761,998
Amounts due from credit institutions	8						
		Stage 1	–	37,108	–	–	37,108
		Stage 2	–	–	–	–	–
		Stage 3	–	–	–	–	–
Total amounts due from credit institutions			–	37,108	–	–	37,108
Investment securities	10						
Debt securities at FVOCI		Stage 1	414,902	–	–	–	414,902
		Stage 2	–	–	–	–	–
		Stage 3	–	–	–	–	–
Total investment securities			414,902	–	–	–	414,902
Loans to customers at amortized cost	9						
Corporate lending							
		Stage 1	1,648,589	292,041	–	–	1,940,630
		Stage 2	116,319	192,431	–	–	308,750
		Stage 3	662	12,487	–	121,877	135,026
		POCI	–	3,221	–	29,001	32,222
Small and medium business lending							
		Stage 1	536,488	99,988	448	–	636,924
		Stage 2	9,241	52,345	96	37	61,719
		Stage 3	180	17,196	–	16,078	33,454
		POCI	–	168	–	1,166	1,334
Consumer lending							
		Stage 1	246,472	60	2,552	2	249,086
		Stage 2	307	–	348	1,458	2,113
		Stage 3	96	–	26	4,024	4,146
		POCI	–	–	–	–	–
Residential mortgages							
		Stage 1	81,586	157	–	–	81,743
		Stage 2	20	12	14	–	46
		Stage 3	–	–	–	6	6
		POCI	–	–	–	–	–
Total loans to customers at amortized cost			2,639,960	670,106	3,484	173,649	3,487,199
Credit related commitments and contingencies	25						
Undrawn loan commitments							
		Stage 1	51,283	19,196	196	1,469	72,144
		Stage 2	9	175	–	4	188
		Stage 3	40	–	–	–	40
Letters of credit							
		Stage 1	74,748	208	–	–	74,956
		Stage 2	260	–	–	–	260
		Stage 3	–	–	–	–	–
Guarantees							
		Stage 1	288,000	33,820	10,454	–	332,274
		Stage 2	–	6,527	–	1,252	7,779
		Stage 3	–	–	–	865	865
Total credit related commitments and contingencies			414,340	59,926	10,650	3,590	488,506

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28. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

The aging analysis of past due loans, by age, is provided below. The majority of past due loans are not considered to be impaired.

Aging analysis of past due but not impaired loans per class of financial assets less allowance for impairment

	<i>Less than 30 days 2020</i>	<i>31 to 60 days 2020</i>	<i>61 to 90 days 2020</i>	<i>More than 90 days 2020</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
Loans to customers					
Corporate lending	1,323	–	–	–	1,323
Residential mortgages	281	129	–	–	410
Consumer lending	5,579	1,910	1,689	–	9,178
Small and medium business lending	647	267	462	–	1,376
Total	7,830	2,306	2,151	–	12,287
	<i>Less than 30 days 2019</i>	<i>31 to 60 days 2019</i>	<i>61 to 90 days 2019</i>	<i>More than 90 days 2019</i>	<i>Total 2019</i>
Loans to customers					
Corporate lending	178	64	1	–	243
Residential mortgages	169	22	12	–	203
Consumer lending	2,818	851	670	–	4,339
Small and medium business lending	242	340	96	–	678
Total	3,407	1,277	779	–	5,463

See Note 9 for information with respect to the allowance for impairment of loans to customers.

Financial guarantees and letters of credit are also tested for impairment, and provisions are made in a similar manner as for loans.

The geographical concentration of the Bank's financial assets and liabilities is set out below (less provisions):

	2020				2019			
	<i>Belarus</i>	<i>OECD</i>	<i>CIS and other foreign banks</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Belarus</i>	<i>OECD</i>	<i>CIS and other foreign banks</i>	<i>Total</i>
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	642,856	55,491	138,600	836,947	618,250	32,188	159,195	809,633
Amounts due from credit institutions	43,084	1,210	9,663	53,957	31,160	985	33,278	65,423
Loans to customers	3,538,970	4,573	129	3,543,672	3,406,972	3,484	136	3,410,592
Investment securities	518,687	–	–	518,687	414,902	–	–	414,902
Derivative financial assets	32	–	–	32	–	–	73	73
Other financial assets	1,967	–	–	1,967	3,215	–	–	3,215
	4,745,596	61,274	148,392	4,955,262	4,474,499	36,657	192,682	4,703,838
Liabilities								
Amounts due to credit institutions	140,705	113,734	1,153,859	1,408,298	102,322	106,049	1,085,004	1,293,375
Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	26	–	–	26	21	–	–	21
Amounts due to customers	2,368,756	123,716	107,826	2,600,298	2,271,521	66,367	203,112	2,541,000
Derivative financial liabilities	25	–	7,835	7,860	–	–	1,258	1,258
Debt securities issued	78,457	–	–	78,457	46,767	–	–	46,767
Lease liabilities	11,853	–	–	11,853	4,195	–	–	4,195
Other financial liabilities	15,735	–	–	15,735	22,429	–	–	22,429
Subordinated debt	–	–	257,467	257,467	–	–	212,600	212,600
	2,615,557	237,450	1,526,987	4,379,994	2,447,255	172,416	1,501,974	4,121,645
Net assets and liabilities position	2,130,039	(176,176)	(1,378,595)	575,268	2,027,244	(135,759)	(1,309,292)	582,193

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28. Risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk and funding management

Liquidity risk is the probability of the losses, failure to obtain the planned revenues due to the inability to ensure the timely performance of the obligations in full.

Liquidity risk management process includes identification, measurement (assessment) and stress testing, limitation, monitoring and control of the liquidity risk, a system of key indicators, financing plans in crises, the disclosure of liquidity risk.

The Bank has developed a number of documents which regulate issues of liquidity risk management and liquidity position, management define goals, objectives, principles and methods of management, the division of responsibility between departments and procedures of interaction between them on liquidity risk management and liquidity position.

The liquidity risk is managed and controlled by the Supervisory Board, the Risk Committee of the Supervisory Board, the Management Board, the Financial Committee, the official responsible for risk management at Bank BelVEB OJSC, the Risk Management Department, the Bank Treasury, the Department of Operations in the Financial Markets, the Finance and Economic Department and the Internal Audit Department.

Bank BelVEB OJSC performs daily monitoring of the implementation of regulations set by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus, local liquidity risk limits, prepares a management report on liquidity risk.

The Bank takes into account the interaction between the risk of funding liquidity and market liquidity risk, which it is exposed, and provides a comprehensive assessment of the liquidity risk that includes an analysis of the balance sheet structure, cash flow forecasting, in all material balance and off-balance positions and activities both under normal conditions and in stressful situations.

The Bank uses payment calendars to manage its current liquidity position. To monitor the risk of loss of liquidity, the Bank monitors the limits of liquidity deficit as well as the key indicators of liquidity risk.

The assets and liabilities formation is based on the principle of diversification of sources and destinations, the volume and terms of attraction and allocation. The main external sources of financing are the resources of the parent bank – the State Development Corporation VEB.RF.

Maintaining funding sources and increase in the resource base of the Bank is provided by improving the quality of customer service, offering new products, providing more flexible conditions of deposit contracts.

The Bank maintains a sufficient liquidity to meet all the requirements of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus and perform its obligations to clients in a timely manner.

The liquidity position is assessed and managed by the Bank primarily on a standalone basis, based on certain liquidity ratios established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus. As at 31 December, these ratios were as follows:

	<i>Minimum value</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>
Liquidity Coverage Ratio	Min. 100%	107.8%	138.6%
Net Stable Funding Ratio	Min. 100%	117.6%	129.2%

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28. Risk management (continued)**Liquidity risk and funding management (continued)***Analysis of financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturities*

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of the Bank's financial liabilities as at 31 December based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations. Exception is made for derivatives settled through delivery of their underlying asset which are shown by amounts payable and receivable and contractual maturity. Repayments which are subject to notice are treated as if notice were to be given immediately. However, the Bank expects that many customers will not request repayment on the earliest date the Bank could be required to pay. The table does not reflect the expected cash flows indicated by the Bank's deposit retention history.

Financial liabilities at 31 December 2020	Less than 3 months	3 to 12 months	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
Amounts due to credit institutions	824,397	363,436	246,710	3,023	1,437,566
Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	26	–	–	–	26
Gross settled derivative financial instruments:					
- contractual amounts receivable	(232,226)	(91,363)	–	–	(323,589)
- contractual amounts payable	235,542	95,040	–	–	330,582
Amounts due to customers	1,680,523	654,273	289,961	2,433	2,627,190
Debt securities issued	5,262	51,784	30,137	–	87,183
Other liabilities	18,415	3,219	1,150	429	23,213
Lease liabilities	1,450	3,105	7,323	399	12,277
Subordinated debt	–	91,793	199,480	–	291,273
Total undiscounted financial liabilities	2,533,389	1,171,287	774,761	6,284	4,485,721

Financial liabilities at 31 December 2019	Less than 3 months	3 to 12 months	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
Amounts due to credit institutions	610,477	497,016	221,449	1,387	1,330,329
Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	21	–	–	–	21
Gross settled derivative financial instruments:					
- contractual amounts receivable	(231,608)	(71,350)	–	–	(302,958)
- contractual amounts payable	231,625	70,572	–	–	302,197
Amounts due to customers	1,287,448	868,957	421,898	2,305	2,580,608
Debt securities issued	9,823	27,738	16,828	–	54,389
Other liabilities	13,341	3,037	4,461	1,590	22,429
Lease liabilities	565	881	2,662	265	4,373
Subordinated debt	–	15,343	245,543	–	260,886
Total undiscounted financial liabilities	1,921,692	1,412,194	912,841	5,547	4,252,274

The table below shows the contractual maturity of the Bank's commitments and contingencies. Each undrawn loan commitment is included in the time band containing the earliest date it can be drawn down. For financial guarantees, the maximum amount of the guarantee is allocated to the earliest period in which the guarantee could be called.

	Less than 3 months	3 to 12 months	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
2020	414,744	155,111	159,667	71,068	800,590
2019	355,958	56,398	54,623	21,527	488,506

The Bank expects that not all of the contingent liabilities or commitments will be drawn before expiry of the commitments.

The maturity analysis does not reflect the historical stability of current accounts. Their liquidation has historically taken place over a longer period than indicated in the tables above. These balances are included in amounts due in less than 3 months in the tables above.

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28. Risk management (continued)**Market risk**

Market risk is the risk of loss resulting from changes in value of on- and off-balance sheet positions related to the trade portfolio, foreign currency denominated positions and commodities due to changes in market interest rates, exchange rates, securities quotations, commodity prices and other factors.

The Bank is exposed to market risks due to the effect of general or specific market changes on its products. The Bank manages market risk through periodic estimation of potential losses that could arise from adverse changes in market conditions and establishing appropriate limits on the tolerable loss. With the exception of foreign currency positions, the Bank has no significant concentration of market risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair values of financial instruments.

The Bank has developed a number of documents which in generally organizes risk management process. The Financial Committee determines process of resource attraction and placement based on monitoring of the corresponding sectors in the banking sector.

Treasury performs analysis of volume-time structure of the Bank's balance and interest rate levels in the context of risk management process. Risk Management Departments performs independent assessment of the Bank's exposure to interest rate risk and stress testing of risk tolerance.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to reasonable possible changes in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Bank's consolidated statement of profit or loss. The sensitivity of the consolidated statement of profit or loss is the effect of the assumed changes in interest rates on the net interest income for one year, based on the floating rate non-trading financial assets and financial liabilities held as at 31 December. The sensitivity of equity is calculated by revaluing fixed rate available-for-sale financial assets as at 31 December for the effects of the assumed changes in interest rates based on the assumption that there are parallel shifts in the yield curve.

<i>Currency</i>	<i>Increase in basis points 2020</i>	<i>Sensitivity of profit or loss 2020</i>	<i>Sensitivity of equity less effect on profit or loss 2020</i>
BYN	+500	13	–
USD	+100	48	(5,612)
EUR	+20	530	(538)

<i>Currency</i>	<i>Decrease in basis points 2020</i>	<i>Sensitivity of profit or loss 2020</i>	<i>Sensitivity of equity less effect on profit or loss 2020</i>
BYN	-50	(1)	–
USD	-25	(12)	1,457
EUR	-20	(530)	543

<i>Currency</i>	<i>Increase in basis points 2019</i>	<i>Sensitivity of profit or loss 2019</i>	<i>Sensitivity of equity less effect on profit or loss 2019</i>
BYN	+250	(2,790)	–
USD	+35	45	(1,219)
EUR	+15	282	(315)

<i>Currency</i>	<i>Decrease in basis points 2019</i>	<i>Sensitivity of profit or loss 2019</i>	<i>Sensitivity of equity less effect on profit or loss 2019</i>
BYN	-250	2,790	–
USD	-35	(45)	1,235
EUR	-15	(282)	318

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28. Risk management (continued)**Market risk (continued)***Currency risk*

Currency risk is the risk of loss resulting from changes in value of on- and off-balance sheet positions nominated in foreign currency, due to the exchange rate changes. The Bank's positions in precious metals as bank bars are also exposed to currency risk.

Currency risk management system of the Bank provides for the following:

- ▶ distributing the responsibilities of currency risk management;
- ▶ regulating the methods of assessment and stress-testing of currency risk;
- ▶ preparing daily management reports on currency risk;
- ▶ setting and controlling position and risk limits and other key indicators to restrict the level of risk.

The table below indicates the currencies to which the Bank had significant exposure as at 31 December on its non-trading monetary assets and liabilities and its forecast cash flows. The analysis calculates the effect of a reasonably possible movement of the currency rate against the ruble, with all other variables held constant, on the consolidated statement of profit or loss. The effect on equity does not differ from the effect on the consolidated statement of profit or loss. All other variables are held constant. A negative amount in the table reflects a potential net reduction in the consolidated statement of profit or loss or equity, while a positive amount reflects a net potential increase.

Currency	Change in currency rate, % 2020	Effect on profit before tax 2020	Change in currency rate, % 2019	Effect on profit before tax 2019
USD	+25	1,152	+9	750
EUR	+25	3,498	+9	46
RUB	+15	2,793	+11	901

Currency	Change in currency rate, % 2020	Effect on profit before tax 2020	Change in currency rate, % 2019	Effect on profit before tax 2019
USD	+5	230	+4	334
EUR	+5	700	+4	21
RUB	-15	(2,793)	-11	(901)

Prepayment risk

Prepayment risk is the risk that the Bank will incur a financial loss because its customers and counterparties repay or request repayment earlier or later than expected, such as fixed rate mortgages when interest rates fall.

The management of the Bank believes that the realization of the prepayment risk will not have a material effect on the Bank.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from inconsistency of the Bank's local documents of execution banking transactions and operations to the legislation of the Republic of Belarus, or its breach by the employees, incompetence or errors of the Bank's employees, discrepancy or failure the system used by the Bank including information systems, and as result of external factors.

The Bank has established and maintained a comprehensive centralized operational risk management system, which provides for an effective methodology of operational risk management, risk assessment, monitoring, control and restriction of operational risk in accordance with the local documents of the Bank.

Operational risk management functions are fixed at the level of the Bank's management, collegiate bodies, departments and responsible persons.

To manage the operational risk, the Bank is maintaining the database of realization of the facts of operational risk. Recommendations for optimization of the business process are generated using this database.

The Bank cannot expect to eliminate all operational risks, but a control framework and monitoring and responding to potential risks could be effective tools to manage the risks.

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29. Fair value measurement

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Bank has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of their nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy.

31 December 2020	Date of valuation	Fair value measurement using			Total
		Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	
Assets measured at fair value					
Precious metals	31 December 2020	21	–	–	21
Correspondent accounts in precious metals	31 December 2020	3,297	–	–	3,297
Investment securities — debt securities at FVOCI	31 December 2020	–	518,199	–	518,199
Investment securities — equity securities at FVOCI	31 December 2020	–	–	488	488
Loans to customers at FVPL	31 December 2020	–	–	35,999	35,999
Property and equipment — buildings	31 December 2020	–	–	26,924	26,924
Derivative financial assets	31 December 2020	–	32	–	32
		3,318	518,231	63,411	584,960
Assets for which fair values are disclosed					
Cash and cash equivalents	31 December 2020	836,947	–	–	836,947
Amounts due from credit institutions	31 December 2020	–	53,957	–	53,957
Loans to customers	31 December 2020	–	–	3,532,509	3,532,509
		836,947	53,957	3,532,509	4,423,413

		Fair value measurement using			
		Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
31 December 2020	Date of valuation				
Liabilities measured at fair value					
Derivative financial liabilities	31 December 2020	–	7,860	–	7,860
Clients' current accounts in precious metals	31 December 2020	672	–	–	672
		672	7,860	–	8,532
Liabilities for which fair values are disclosed					
Amounts due to credit institutions	31 December 2020	–	105,254	1,309,108	1,414,362
Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	31 December 2020	–	–	26	26
Amounts due to customers	31 December 2020	–	705,106	1,895,676	2,600,782
Debt securities issued	31 December 2020	–	–	78,457	78,457
Subordinated debt	31 December 2020	–	–	256,771	256,771
		–	810,360	3,540,038	4,350,398

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		Fair value measurement using			
		Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
31 December 2019	Date of valuation				
Assets measured at fair value					
Precious metals	31 December 2019	158	–	–	158
Correspondent accounts in precious metals	31 December 2019	28,315	–	–	28,315
Investment securities — debt securities at FVOCI	31 December 2019	94,108	320,794	–	414,902
Investment securities — equity securities at FVOCI	31 December 2019	–	–	488	488
Loans to customers at FVPL	31 December 2019	–	–	44,829	44,829
Property and equipment — buildings	31 December 2019	–	–	24,791	24,791
Derivative financial assets	31 December 2019	–	73	–	73
		122,581	320,867	70,108	513,556
Assets for which fair values are disclosed					
Cash and cash equivalents	31 December 2019	809,633	–	–	809,633
Amounts due from credit institutions	31 December 2019	–	37,392	–	37,392
Loans to customers	31 December 2019	–	–	3,400,712	3,400,712
		809,633	37,392	3,400,712	4,247,737
		Fair value measurement using			
		Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
31 December 2019	Date of valuation				
Liabilities measured at fair value					
Derivative financial liabilities	31 December 2019	–	1,258	–	1,258
Clients' current accounts in precious metals	31 December 2019	28,141	–	–	28,141
		28,141	1,258	–	29,399
Liabilities for which fair values are disclosed					
Amounts due to credit institutions	31 December 2019	–	53,512	1,242,660	1,296,172
Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	31 December 2019	–	–	21	21
Amounts due to customers	31 December 2019	–	745,384	1,779,992	2,525,376
Debt securities issued	31 December 2019	–	–	45,319	45,319
Subordinated debt	31 December 2019	–	–	212,251	212,251
		–	798,896	3,280,243	4,079,139

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29. Fair value measurement (continued)**Fair value of financial assets and liabilities not carried at fair value**

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

	<i>Carrying amount 2020</i>	<i>Fair value 2020</i>	<i>Unrecognized gain/loss 2020</i>	<i>Carrying amount 2019</i>	<i>Fair value 2019</i>	<i>Unrecognized gain/loss 2019</i>
Financial assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	836,947	836,947	–	809,633	809,633	–
Precious metals	21	21	–	158	158	–
Amounts due from credit institutions	53,957	54,003	46	65,417	65,392	(25)
Loans to customers	3,507,673	3,532,509	24,836	3,410,592	3,445,541	34,949
Financial liabilities						
Amounts due to credit institutions	1,408,272	1,414,336	(6,064)	1,293,375	1,296,172	(2,797)
Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	26	26	–	21	21	–
Amounts due to customers	2,600,298	2,600,782	(484)	2,541,000	2,553,517	(12,517)
Debt securities issued	78,457	78,553	(96)	46,767	45,319	1,448
Subordinated debt	257,467	256,771	696	212,600	212,251	349
Total unrecognized change in unrealized fair value			18,934			21,407

Valuation techniques and assumptions

The following describes the methods and assumptions used to determine fair values for those financial instruments which are not already recorded at fair value in the financial statements.

Assets for which fair value approximates their carrying amount

For financial assets and financial liabilities that are liquid or have a short-term maturity (less than three months), it is assumed that the carrying amounts approximate their fair value. This assumption is also applied to demand deposits and current (settlement) accounts without a specific maturity.

Financial assets and financial liabilities carried at amortized cost

Fair value of quoted bonds is based on price quotations at the reporting date. The fair value of unquoted instruments, loans to customers, customer deposits, amounts due from credit institutions and amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus and credit institutions and other financial assets and liabilities is estimated by discounting future cash flows using rates currently available for debt on similar terms, credit risk and remaining maturities.

Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss

The fair value of financial instruments is the present value of all future (expected) cash flows under this instrument at the date of its origination and/or at the reporting date discounted with the market interest rate for this comparable/similar financial instrument.

The market interest rate for this financial instrument or other comparable/similar financial instruments is determined on the basis of available internal and external sources of information depending on the type and nature of a financial instrument.

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29. Fair value measurement (continued)

Movements in Level 3 assets and liabilities at fair value

The following table shows a reconciliation of the opening and closing amounts of Level 3 assets and liabilities which are recorded at fair value:

	1 January 2020	Gains recognized in the consolidated statement of profit or loss	Gains recognized in other comprehensive income	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation charge	31 December 2020
Assets							
Investment securities – equity securities at FVOCI	488	–	–	–	–	–	488
Loans to customers at FVPL	44,829	5,061	–	–	(13,891)	–	35,999
Property and equipment — buildings	24,791	–	–	2,406	–	(273)	26,924
Total Level 3 assets	70,180	5,061	–	2,406	(13,891)	(273)	63,411

	1 January 2019	Gains recognized in the consolidated statement of profit or loss	Gains recognized in other comprehensive income	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation charge	31 December 2019
Assets							
Investment securities available for sale	449	–	–	39	–	–	488
Loans to customers at FVPL	–	–	–	44,829	–	–	44,829
Property and equipment — buildings	81,254	–	–	–	(55,487)	(976)	24,791
Total Level 3 assets	81,703	–	–	44,868	(55,487)	(976)	70,108

During the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, the Bank did not transfer financial instruments between levels of the fair value hierarchy.

Gains or losses on Level 3 financial instruments included in the consolidated profit or loss for the period comprise:

	2020			2019		
	Realized gains/(losses)	Unrealized gains/(losses)	Total	Realized gains/(losses)	Unrealized gains/(losses)	Total
Total losses recognized in the consolidated statement of profit or loss	693	4,368	5,061	–	–	–

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29. Fair value measurement (continued)

Significant unobservable inputs and sensitivity of Level 3 financial instruments measured at fair value to changes to key assumptions

The following table shows the quantitative information about significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy:

31 December 2020	Carrying amount	Valuation techniques	Unobservable inputs	Range (weighted average value)
Loans to customers at FVPL	35,999	Cost is determined using the discounting method on the basis of market interest rates	Discount rate	12.5-14.5
Investment securities at FVOCI				
Equity securities	488	Cost is determined as the cost of investments using appropriate indices	Price of most recent transaction	Not applicable
Property and equipment				
Buildings	26,924	Cost is determined by an appraiser using the method of comparing sales and capitalization rate of return	Discount for sale	Not applicable
	<u>26,924</u>			

The impact of possible alternative assumptions on measuring the fair value of Level 3 instruments is insignificant.

The following table shows the effect of reasonably possible alternative assumptions on the fair value of Level 3 instruments:

	31 December 2020		31 December 2019	
	Carrying amount	Effect of reasonably possible alternative assumptions	Carrying amount	Effect of reasonably possible alternative assumptions
Financial assets				
Loans to customers at FVPL	35,999	from (619) up to 599	44,829	from (468) up to 1,020

Decrease/increase in discount rate (from 11.7% to 15.7%) can result in decrease/increase in the fair value of loans to customers at FVPL specified in the table (2019: from 9.36% to 13.36%).

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30. Maturity analysis of assets and liabilities

The table below shows an analysis of assets and liabilities according to when they are expected to be recovered or settled based on contractual terms. See Note 28 "Risk management" for the Bank's contractual undiscounted repayment obligations.

	<i>On demand and within 1 month</i>	<i>1 to 6 months</i>	<i>6 to 12 months</i>	<i>Total within 1 year</i>	<i>1 to 3 years</i>	<i>3 to 5 years</i>	<i>Over 5 years</i>	<i>Total over 1 year</i>	<i>No stated maturity</i>	<i>Past due</i>	<i>Total</i>
31 December 2020											
Assets											
Cash and cash equivalents	836,947	-	-	836,947	-	-	-	-	-	-	836,947
Precious metals	21	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Amounts due from credit institutions	49,581	317	4,059	53,957	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,957
Derivative financial assets	32	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Loans to customers	215,654	1,514,378	549,731	2,279,763	770,043	271,562	193,621	1,235,226	-	28,683	3,543,672
Investment securities	465	12,018	9,838	22,321	91,612	178,011	226,255	495,878	488	-	518,687
Investments in associates and jointly controlled entities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,546	-	2,546
Property and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,599	-	53,599
Right-of-use assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,405	-	10,405
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,520	-	40,520
Income tax assets:											
- current income tax asset	-	436	-	436	-	-	-	-	-	-	436
- deferred income tax assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	17,927	6,111	1,471	25,509	1,712	630	555	2,897	3,074	752	32,232
Total assets	1,120,627	1,533,260	565,099	3,218,986	863,367	450,203	420,431	1,734,001	110,632	29,435	5,093,054
Liabilities											
Amounts due to credit institutions	209,108	809,039	152,368	1,170,515	214,188	21,962	1,633	237,783	-	-	1,408,298
Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	26
Derivative financial liabilities	437	3,093	4,330	7,860	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,860
Amounts due to customers	1,114,836	884,917	320,240	2,319,993	276,048	2,265	1,992	280,305	-	-	2,600,298
Debt securities issued	944	4,415	49,054	54,413	24,044	-	-	24,044	-	-	78,457
Lease liability	709	1,844	2,030	4,583	5,536	1,482	252	7,270	-	-	11,853
Income tax liabilities:											
- current income tax liabilities	-	155	-	155	-	-	-	-	-	-	155
- deferred income tax liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,918	-	16,918
Other liabilities	44,606	3,821	2,416	50,843	755	395	429	1,579	-	5,534	57,956
Subordinated debt	-	2,537	81,688	84,225	140,706	32,536	-	173,242	-	-	257,467
Total liabilities	1,370,640	1,709,821	612,126	3,692,587	661,277	58,640	4,306	724,223	16,944	5,534	4,439,288
Net position	(250,013)	(176,561)	(47,027)	(473,601)	202,090	391,563	416,125	1,009,778	93,688	23,901	653,766

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30. Maturity analysis of assets and liabilities (continued)

	<i>On demand and within 1 month</i>	<i>1 to 6 months</i>	<i>6 to 12 months</i>	<i>Total within 1 year</i>	<i>1 to 3 years</i>	<i>3 to 5 years</i>	<i>Over 5 years</i>	<i>Total over 1 year</i>	<i>No stated maturity</i>	<i>Past due</i>	<i>Total</i>
31 December 2019											
Assets											
Cash and cash equivalents	809,633	–	–	809,633	–	–	–	–	–	–	809,633
Precious metals	158	–	–	158	–	–	–	–	–	–	158
Amounts due from credit institutions	42,848	10,360	6,442	59,650	5,589	155	29	5,773	–	–	65,423
Derivative financial assets	73	–	–	73	–	–	–	–	–	–	73
Loans to customers	272,964	1,227,060	626,695	2,126,719	743,887	320,020	204,191	1,268,098	–	15,775	3,410,592
Investment securities	19,789	6,778	61,009	87,576	58,458	145,521	123,346	327,325	489	–	415,390
Investments in associates and jointly controlled entities	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5,257	–	5,257
Property and equipment	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	51,761	–	51,761
Right-of-use assets	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4,559	–	4,559
Intangible assets	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	41,620	–	41,620
Income tax assets:											
- current income tax asset	–	654	–	654	–	–	–	–	–	–	654
- deferred income tax assets	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other assets	13,789	6,812	2,624	23,225	3,555	1,608	554	5,717	323	1,587	30,852
Total assets	1,159,254	1,251,664	696,770	3,107,688	811,489	467,304	328,120	1,606,913	104,009	17,362	4,835,972
Liabilities											
Amounts due to credit institutions	318,245	372,826	386,316	1,077,387	197,734	16,874	1,380	215,988	–	–	1,293,375
Amounts due to the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus	21	–	–	21	–	–	–	–	–	–	21
Derivative financial liabilities	269	417	572	1,258	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,258
Amounts due to customers	973,995	677,368	483,944	2,135,307	393,166	10,762	1,765	405,693	–	–	2,541,000
Debt securities issued	–	7,874	25,623	33,497	–	13,270	–	13,270	–	–	46,767
Lease liability	184	788	818	1,790	1,418	529	458	2,405	–	–	4,195
Income tax liabilities:											
- current income tax liabilities	–	3,643	–	3,643	–	–	–	–	–	–	3,643
- deferred income tax liabilities	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18,304	–	18,304
Other liabilities	31,840	5,258	1,837	38,935	3,970	491	385	4,846	–	12,137	55,918
Subordinated debt	–	2,661	4,556	7,217	94,237	111,146	–	205,383	–	–	212,600
Total liabilities	1,324,554	1,070,835	903,666	3,299,055	690,525	153,072	3,988	847,585	18,304	12,137	4,177,081
Net position	(165,300)	180,829	(206,896)	(191,367)	120,964	314,232	324,132	759,328	85,705	5,225	658,891

31. Related party disclosures

In accordance with IAS 24 *Related Party Disclosures*, parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions. In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, not merely the legal form.

Related parties may enter into transactions, which unrelated parties might not. Prices and terms of such transactions may differ from prices and terms of transactions between unrelated parties.

Transactions with entities under common control of the Russian Federation, except for VEB.RF group of companies (Russian Federation)

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank effects transactions with the entities that are ultimately controlled by the Russian Government. The balances of transactions with such entities at the reporting date comprised balances on correspondent accounts and loans from credit institutions.

The “Other related parties” item includes subsidiaries of VEB.RF parent bank.

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31. Related party disclosures (continued)

Transactions with other related parties, including VEB.RF group of companies

The outstanding balances of transactions with other related parties at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	2020					2019				
	Parent	Entities under common control of RF	Associates and jointly controlled entities	Key management personnel	Other related parties	Parent	Entities under common control of RF	Associates	Key management personnel	Other related parties
Cash and cash equivalents	1,065	-	-	-	456	18,142	-	-	-	858
Loans at 1 January	-	-	44,781	1,591	-	-	-	908	1,015	-
Loans issued during the year	-	-	-	2,052	-	-	-	44,860	1,734	-
Loans repaid during the year	-	-	(13,891)	(719)	-	-	-	-	(766)	-
Other changes	-	-	5,061	298	-	-	-	(987)	(392)	-
Loans outstanding at 31 December	-	-	35,951	3,222	-	-	-	44,781	1,591	-
Less: allowance for impairment at 31 December	-	-	-	(122)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans outstanding at 31 December, net	-	-	35,951	3,100	-	-	-	-	1,591	-

	2020					2019				
	Parent	Entities under common control of RF	Associates and jointly controlled entities	Key management personnel	Other related parties	Parent	Entities under common control of RF	Associates	Key management personnel	Other related parties
Amounts due to credit institutions at 1 January	576,428	71,958	-	-	28,491	529,354	108,883	-	-	235,341
Amounts due to credit institutions received during the year	1,411,241	504,727	-	-	8,447	627,056	4,600,997	-	-	109,496
Amounts due to credit institutions repaid during the year	(1,458,942)	(445,818)	-	-	(32,014)	(586,982)	(4,600,701)	-	-	(105,963)
Other changes	116,810	233,185	-	-	1,568	7,000	(37,200)	-	-	(210,383)
Amounts due to credit institutions at 31 December	645,537	364,052	-	-	6,492	576,428	71,979	-	-	28,491
Subordinated debt at 1 January	212,600	-	-	-	-	220,461	-	-	-	-
Subordinated debt received during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subordinated debt repaid during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other changes	44,867	-	-	-	-	(7,861)	-	-	-	-
Subordinated debt at 31 December	257,467	-	-	-	-	212,600	-	-	-	-
Deposits at 1 January	-	-	740	1,932	1,518	-	-	-	4,257	520
Deposits received during the year	-	-	30,453	2,702	2,233	-	-	740	3,994	1,518
Deposits repaid during the year	-	-	(30,140)	(3,585)	(1,518)	-	-	-	(3,927)	(520)
Other changes	-	-	-	(156)	-	-	-	-	(2,392)	-
Deposits at 31 December	-	-	1,053	893	2,233	-	-	740	1,932	1,518
Settlement and current accounts at 31 December	-	-	1,981	914	8,321	-	-	161	1,103	28,253
Credit related financial commitments	-	-	-	105	-	-	-	-	157	-
Derivative financial liabilities	3,373	-	-	-	-	427	-	-	-	-

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Transactions with other related parties, including VEB.RF group of companies (continued)

The "Other changes" item includes translation differences, accrued interest and changes resulting from derecognition of a related party.

Income and expenses arising from related party transactions during the reporting period are as follows:

	For the year ended 31 December									
	2020					2019				
	Parent	Entities under common control of RF	Associates and jointly controlled entities	Key management personnel	Other related parties	Parent	Entities under common control of RF	Associates	Key management personnel	Other related parties
Interest income on loans	1,604	386	–	195	–	1	90	–	71	306
Interest expense on deposits	(35,068)	(16,959)	(48)	(43)	(672)	(40,636)	(6,186)	–	(155)	(5,632)
Fee and commission income	1	–	7	6	42	1	16	–	3	–
Fee and commission expense	(1,354)	(366)	–	(9)	(8)	(1,054)	(810)	–	(12)	(197)
Income from transactions with foreign currency, precious metals and precious stones	–	8,541	–	–	–	–	4,174	–	–	–
Expenses from transactions with foreign currency, precious metals and precious stones	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Income from derivative financial instruments	13,506	–	–	–	–	7,814	–	–	–	–
Expenses from derivative financial instruments	(28,661)	–	–	–	–	(8,186)	–	–	–	–
Other operating expenses	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(1,497)	–	–

In 2019, the Bank sold entities under common control - property items with the carrying amount of BYN 38,790 thousand for BYN 41,352 thousand.

In 2020, transactions with related parties were made on the following terms: period for fund raising was from 3 months to 6 years; the interest rate on agreements denominated in USD was from 2.3% to 6.8%, in EUR: from 1.5% to 3.8%; and in RUB: from 3.5% to 5.7%.

Compensation to key management personnel comprises the following:

	2020	2019
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	5,773	6,621
Other long-term benefits	5,206	1,650
Social security costs	145	120
Mandatory contributions to the pension fund	675	559
Expenses related to voluntary pension insurance	12	78
Provision for future payments	–	102
Total compensation to key management personnel	11,811	9,130

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32. Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

		<i>Debt securities issued</i>	<i>Other borrowed funds</i>	<i>Subordinated loans</i>	<i>Total liabilities arising from financing activities</i>
	<i>Notes</i>				
Carrying amount at 31 December 2018		102,928	693,886	220,461	1,017,275
Additions		274,384	218,786	–	493,170
Repayment		(327,536)	(264,889)	–	(592,425)
Exchange differences		412	(21,512)	(15,379)	(36,479)
Other		(3,421)	3,047	7,518	7,144
Carrying amount at 31 December 2019	21, 18, 22	46,767	629,318	212,600	888,685
Additions		209,363	259,931	–	469,294
Repayment		(179,791)	(599,776)	–	(779,567)
Exchange differences		891	50,872	38,819	90,582
Other		1,227	3,367	6,048	10,642
Carrying amount at 31 December 2020	21, 18, 22	78,457	343,712	257,467	679,636

The “Other” item comprises the effect of interest on debt securities issued and subordination loans that was accrued but not paid. The Bank classifies interest paid as cash flows from operating activities.

33. Capital adequacy

Bank BelVEB OJSC maintains an actively managed capital base to cover risks inherent in the business. The adequacy of the capital of Bank BelVEB OJSC is monitored using, among other measures, principals, ratios established by the Basel Capital Accord 1988 and ratios used by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus in supervising the Bank.

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

Capital adequacy ratio of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus

The National Bank of the Republic of Belarus requires that the amount of regulatory capital based on the conservation buffer of banks should be maintained at the level of 12.5% in 2020 (2019: 12.5%) of credit risk-weighted assets taking into account the amount of market and operating risks calculated under the laws of the Republic of Belarus. As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, the capital adequacy ratio of Bank BelVEB OJSC on this basis was as follows:

	2020	2019
Main capital	512,778	462,399
Additional paid-in capital	142,078	181,412
Deductions from capital	(15,113)	(15,096)
Total capital	639,743	628,715
Risk weighted assets	4,352,071	4,022,313
Capital adequacy ratio	14.7%	15.6%

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33. Capital adequacy (continued)

Capital adequacy ratio under Basel Capital Accord 1988

As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, the Bank's capital adequacy ratio computed in accordance with Basel Capital Accord 1988, taking into account subsequent amendments relating to the incorporation of market risks, comprised:

	2020	2019
Tier 1 capital	654,019	640,772
Tier 2 capital	102,899	146,306
Total capital	756,918	787,078
Risk weighted assets	5,322,268	4,839,213
Tier 1 capital adequacy ratio	12.3%	13.2%
Total capital adequacy ratio	14.2%	16.3%

34. Events after the reporting period

There were no significant events after the reporting date.